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September 7, 2007

Mr. Kevin J. Martin
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am contacting you regarding the Federal Communications Commission's proceeding on unlicensed device operation within the TV spectrum.

I understand that these devices may interfere with wireless microphone activity. The district I represent in Florida relies greatly on the usage of wireless microphones. Uses range from Orlando Magic basketball games, PGA tour events, Disney World productions, and religious services. I respectfully request that you please keep users of the spectrum in mind during the Commission's proceedings on unlicensed device operation within the TV spectrum.

As the Commission is aware, the television spectrum is occupied not only by television broadcast stations, but numerous other devices, including wireless microphones. Wireless microphones are not only used for broadcast and production purposes, but are also an essential tool used by businesses, government, public safety personnel and in houses of worship. The Republican and Democratic national conventions rely upon wireless microphones for a multitude of purposes during those events, not to mention the dozens of broadcasters using wireless microphones to bring live news coverage of the conventions to viewers.

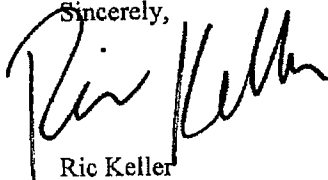
Wireless microphones provide an important service in numerous areas of American life and have wide-ranging and pervasive uses. It is easy to see that interference to these low power devices would have far-reaching consequences to events and productions that are relied upon by millions of the American public.

As such, please keep in mind adequate protections for wireless microphones and other existing spectrum users in a way that will not allow new users to damage or harm the existing users of the spectrum. A way to accomplish this would be verifiable and real world testing of the new devices competing to use the spectrum.

I urge the Commission take a measured and cautious approach in these proceedings. Opening additional spectrum and authorizing new technology that will provide broadband service to rural areas is a worthwhile and laudable goal. However, it must not come at the expense of those technologies and devices currently using the spectrum to serve the public through broadcast productions, news events, entertainment, business and religious purposes.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ric Keller". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

Ric Keller
Member of Congress

cc: Commissioner Michael J. Copps
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