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The Honorable Tom Wheeler
Chairman
Federal Communications Commissions
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

I am contacting you regarding enhanced underwriting announcements broadcast by Non-Commercial Educational (NCE) Public Interest Obligation (PIO) channels.

LeSEA Broadcasting, which has been based in my district for more than four decades, recently met with the FCC's Media Bureau to seek clarification on FCC requirements for NCE PIO channels and enhanced underwriting announcements.

I understand that additional questions remain and that LeSea continues to seek clarification to ensure they are in compliance with the law. As NCE PIO stations seek new ways of operating to accommodate today's challenging economic environment, it is crucial that standards for enhanced underwriting announcements are applied uniformly for all NCE PIO stations.

I urge the Commission to work with LeSea and other NCE PIO channels to more thoroughly clarify and explain FCC rules on enhanced underwriting announcements so that all NCE PIO stations can operate with assurance on federal standards.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Jackie Walorski
Member of Congress