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The Honorable Tom Wheeler, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20054

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

I was recently contacted by a constituent business concerning the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) recent vote regarding joint sales agreements between broadcast television stations.

My constituents fear that this change may result in a retroactive application of the new rules to transactions entered into in full compliance with laws, and already approved by the government. They argue that transactions that have been entered into and are awaiting approval of the FCC should be approved on the basis of existing rules. They believe that additional time is needed before any changes are made to these rules covering joint sales agreements so that stakeholders have an opportunity to participate and the FCC has time to respond to these concerns.

I urge you to take my constituents concerns into account as this rule change, regulating joint sales agreements and how they are used to calculate television station ownership, is implemented. Businesses that play by the rules should be able to trust that rule changes won't be applied retroactively to the detriment of their agreements.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Aaron Edelman of my staff at 202-224-4788.

Sincerely,



Barbara A. Mikulski
United States Senator

cc: Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel
Commissioner Ajit Pai
Commissioner Michael O'Rielly