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The Honorable Adam B. Schiff
U.S. House of Representatives
2411 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Schiff:

Thank you for your letter regarding the impact of the Broadcast TV Incentive Auction on low power TV (LPTV) stations. I appreciate hearing your views.

I agree that LPTV stations, such as KIIIO-LD in your district, can play an important role in providing information to consumers and businesses. In the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act, Congress did not provide LPTV stations additional protections or an opportunity to participate in the Incentive Auction. However, in order to help accommodate LPTV following the Incentive Auction, the May 2014 *Incentive Auction Report and Order* permits these stations to remain on their existing channels during the transition period after the Incentive Auction, unless or until notified that they interfere with the primary service. We will also open a special filing window for any displaced stations to request new channels.

As you note, we have also initiated a proceeding to address other LPTV issues related to the Incentive Auction. This proceeding proposed various options for LPTV stations to continue serving their communities, including a possible extension of the low power digital transition deadline and channel sharing for LPTV stations.

I assure you that we will carefully review the comments in that proceeding. Your letter will be made part of the record in the proceeding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tom Wheeler", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

Tom Wheeler