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Federal Communications Commission
 445 12th Street SW
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RE: Petition for Rulemaking by Satellite Industry Association (SIA) to allocate 2500-2520 MHz and 2670-2690 MHz to the Mobile Satellite Service

Dear FCC:

California State University, Stanislaus, holder of licenses WGV-750, WGV-751, AND WHR-656, strongly opposes the SIA petition to allocate 2500-2520 MHz and 2670-2690 MHz to the Mobile Satellite Service.

Since 1981, CSU Stanislaus has televised over 1,100 live, interactive instructional television courses, which have had over 35,000 enrollments. ITV has become an integral part of our educational infrastructure.

The SIA petition threatens everything we have worked to achieve for two decades. If approved, it will almost assuredly have a deleterious impact, including the cost of conversion and disruption of service, which could hurt literally thousands of students.

California State University, Stanislaus therefore strongly urges you to reject the SIA petition.

Respectfully yours,

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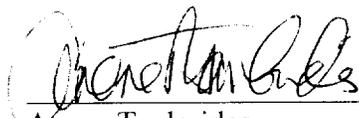
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I AVENA TAVLARIDES hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing Comments on the Satellite Industry Association's Petition for Rulemaking was mailed first-class, postage prepaid, this 28th day of August, 2000 to the following:

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