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Megalie Roman Salas, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S. W.  
TW-B204  
Washington, D. C. 20554

Dear Ms. Salas:

Regarding: Opposition to petition for rulemaking by Satellite Industry Association, RM-9911.

Bladen Community College is part of a group of colleges in southeastern North Carolina that has been granted an ITFS license. We have become aware that there is a chance that our channels will be taken from us and auctioned to the Satellite Industry. This action, if approved, will greatly hamper our ability to provide education to students and training to industry in this rural area of North Carolina.

Recently President Clinton appeared in our area seeking ways to improve Internet access in the rural United States. In rural areas population is neither concentrated nor close enough to have access to fast Internet connections by current (DSL/Cable modem) methods. The College views wireless access as the best method for accomplishing this task.

The North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS) has invested considerable time and money in resolving all the conflicts involving ITFS licenses. Only in the last year has this been accomplished. At the very point that Bladen Community College and the NCCCS can implement a wireless broadband network across North Carolina, it would be unfair to lose our ability to do so.

As President of Bladen community College, I strongly oppose any action that would cost us the use of our ITFS license.

Sincerely,

Darrell Page  
President

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