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Magalie R. Salas, Esq.
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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Room TW-204 B
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Salas:

California State University Bakersfield strongly opposes the Satellite Industry Association's proposal to use portions of the ITFS spectrum. Our University currently owns and uses several of the A Group ITFS channels to provide educational services to students in our region.

California State University provided direct live classroom instruction last year to over 1,000 students using our A Group channels. The Satellite Industry Association's proposal would not only jeopardize our current use of these channels, but would likely make it impossible for us to proceed with future plans of using these channels in a digital format.

On behalf of California State University Bakersfield, I urge the FCC to reject the Satellite Industry Association's proposal and to protect the ITFS Spectrum for educational uses.

Cordially,

Tomás A. Arciniega
President

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c: Congressman Bill Thomas

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