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Re: FCC oo-455, ET Docket No. 00-258, RM-9920 and 9911

January 8, 2001

Dear Commissioners:

I have been a teacher at Liberty High School in Liberty, Texas for 23 years. I teach an advanced business course and for the past 10 years have been facilitating French classes via satellite. I am concerned about the future of ITFS spectrum, which is under assault in the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making on 3G spectrum allocations that was released January 5, 2001. ITFS is an important part of our educational program in the Liberty Independent School District.

LISD is part of Region IV Education Service Center in Houston, Texas. Region IV is comprised of the Houston Independent School District and 53 other districts. Region IV provides instruction to over 900,000 students and offers one of the largest challenges for Texas educators, which is to reach all students and provide them with equal access to education opportunities. Without this service, school districts such as Liberty, would not be able to provide courses that are only available to larger/richer districts. Liberty is a low socio-economic school district and could not afford to hire a French teacher for such a small group of students.

I feel that my students benefit tremendously from distance learning and I think it would be a disservice to youth across America if it was discontinued. Why should a student be punished or denied a course needed for college just because they live in a small town or poor school district.

Sincerely,

Mrs. D-Ann Berry

Mrs. D-Ann Berry, teacher/French facilitator
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cc: Bob Baker, Region IV

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