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The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Powell,

In recent weeks, I have received correspondence from a number of my constituents regarding the Commission's efforts to identify spectrum for new high-speed wireless Internet services. Specifically, my constituents are concerned that in identifying a spectrum block for the "3G" technology, the incumbent users of certain spectrum bands will be displaced and many important services currently provided on that spectrum will disappear.

I am particularly concerned with any proposal that would displace the Instructional TV Fixed Service (ITFS). The Commission's March 30, 2001, report noted that clearing the band that ITFS currently uses would be expensive and difficult. As the Commission continues the identification process, I urge you not to displace the ITFS.

I understand that the Commission is presently reviewing a number of options. When the Commission has made a final decision, please let me know.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,

Brad Sherman
Member of Congress

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