

Dear Chairman Powell,As a citizen, astronomer and former vice-president of an FM radio station, I am concerned about the work of the spectral policy task force.

The electromagnetic spectrum is a natural resource, just like the wilderness and gold mines, the FCC is plays a critical role protecting long term public interest over the short term profits of corporations.

My hope is that this board remember that a reason many of FCC rules are in place is to prevent a mass "land grab" of the airways. FCC licenses are tremendously valuable commodities, given away for free, in perpetuity by the government and worth millions of dollars.

I support improved and new technical developments (e.g., in modulation, filtering and RFI excision) which limit band width use.

But the protection of the "electromagnetic wilderness" is a critical role of the FCC. One example is the protection of the radio observatories (new & old) allow reception of faint cosmic signals from our one and only Universe. Millions of Americans supports these observatories as demonstrated by their willingness to freely give their computer time to projects like SETI at Home.

Sincerely,  
Scott Wolk

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