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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
The Portals
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: **EX PARTE SUBMISSION**
WT Docket No. 03-66; Amendment of Parts 1, 21, 73, 74 and 101 of the
Commission's Rules to Facilitate the Provision of Fixed and Mobile
Broadband Access, Educational and Other Advanced Services in the 2150-
2162 and 2500-2690 MHz Bands

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Yesterday, on behalf of the Catholic Television Network, I spoke by telephone with Commissioner Kevin J. Martin regarding the attached letter from Rep. John Boehner, Chairman of the House Education and the Workforce Committee. I emphasized the important educational issues involved in the above-referenced proceeding and the need to retain the Commission's existing Instructional Television Fixed Service ("ITFS") eligibility rules so that educators can take full advantage of the high technology opportunities that will be available through the use of ITFS spectrum in the years ahead.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's Rules, this summary of my presentation is being filed electronically.

Sincerely,


Rich Bond

cc Commissioner Kevin J. Martin (Via First Class Mail)

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Honorable Michael K. Powell
 Chairman
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Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing in response to a proposed rule by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) that threatens to eliminate the eligibility requirements for the spectrum known as the Instructional Television Fixed Service (ITFS). As you know, this spectrum has historically been reserved for educational purposes.

On behalf of our nation's students and educational institutions, I would like to take the opportunity to express my strong support for the preservation of the ITFS. This spectrum is used to provide millions of students from across the country with formal classroom instruction, distance learning, and videoconference capability. It also provides our nation's teachers with valuable professional development opportunities. I firmly believe that once the FCC adopts new technical rules for the ITFS it will provide elementary and secondary schools, community colleges and universities with expanded opportunities to provide innovative services including two-way interactive video, document and data exchanges, video-on-demand, wide area networking, and high speed Internet access.

As the Chairman of the House Education and the Workforce Committee I have worked closely with President Bush over the past three and a half years to ensure that our nation's students have access to a high quality education. I believe the ITFS can be an important part of this effort.

Once again I encourage you to preserve this valuable educational tool on behalf of our nation's students. Thank you for your time and attention. I look forward to learning how the FCC plans to proceed on this matter.

Sincerely,

John Boehner
 JOHN BOEHNER
 Chairman

House Education and the Workforce Committee