

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

December 12, 2008

The Honorable Kevin J. Martin  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Chairman:

We are writing to express our concern about the December 18, 2008, Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Open Meeting.

The most important challenge for the Commission over the next nine weeks is to ensure the smoothest possible transition to digital television (DTV). At a time when serious questions are being raised about transition readiness, it would be counterproductive for the FCC to consider unrelated items, especially complex and controversial items that the new Congress and new Administration will have an interest in reviewing. We strongly urge you to concentrate the Commission's attention and resources only on matters that require action under the law and efforts to smooth the transition to digital television.

Sincerely,



Henry A. Waxman  
Member of Congress  
U.S. House of Representatives



John D. Rockefeller  
Senator  
U.S. Senate

cc: Michael J. Copps, FCC Commissioner  
Jonathan S. Adelstein, FCC Commissioner  
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Robert M. McDowell, FCC Commissioner