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November 21, 2008

## BY HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable John D. Dingell, Chairman  
House Committee on Energy and Commerce  
2125 Rayburn House Office Building  
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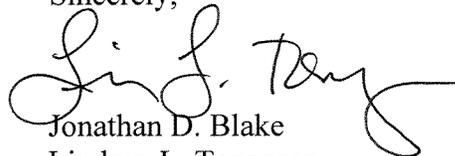
The Honorable Edward J. Markey, Chairman  
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Dear Chairman Dingell and Chairman Markey:

Enclosed are the responses of the CBS Television Network Affiliates Association and the NBC Television Affiliates to your letter of November 7, 2008. An overwhelming majority of broadcast television stations subscribed to the National Association of Broadcaster's DTV plan. Under this plan, stations are airing public service announcements, providing crawls, and using other tools to educate Americans about the digital television transition. Many stations are making additional efforts as well to help ensure their viewers are prepared. The questions raised in your letter do not solicit information about these general undertakings, but we did want to point out that they are taking place.

Please direct any questions concerning this matter to the undersigned.

Sincerely,



Jonathan D. Blake  
Lindsey L. Tonsager  
*Counsel for the CBS Television Network  
Affiliates Association and the NBC  
Television Affiliates*

Enclosures



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The NBC Television Affiliates hereby respond to your letter of November 7, 2008. We appreciate your concerns about the transition and your efforts to work with the broadcast community to minimize disruptions to consumers while preserving the long-term benefits for the public that digital services will provide.

We do not have the information you requested. We have no staff, collect no information from individual affiliated stations, and focus on issues relating to the relationship between the network and independently owned affiliates. Therefore, in order to be responsive to the questions raised in your letter, the Affiliates undertook a survey of some 170 members. We here attach the responses of the members in their original form.

Responding to this survey has imposed considerable burdens on individual stations. As a consequence, we may receive additional responses over the next several days. We will promptly forward them to you.

If you or your staffs have questions, please call or contact Jonathan Blake (202-662-5506; [jblake@cov.com](mailto:jblake@cov.com)), Jennifer Johnson (202-662-5552; [jjohnson@cov.com](mailto:jjohnson@cov.com)) or Lindsey Tonsager (202-662-5609; [ltonsager@cov.com](mailto:ltonsager@cov.com)).

Sincerely,

Michael J. Fiorile  
President-Chairman  
NBC Television Affiliates



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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Blumenthal".

Scott Blumenthal  
Chairman  
CBS Television Network Affiliates  
Association

Attachments