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The Honorable Tom Wheeler
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

We are writing to express our concern about Federal Communications Commission (FCC) decisions during the presidential transition.

The most important challenge for the Commission over the next ten weeks is to ensure a successful broadcast incentive auction. The successful completion of the auction will provide needed spectrum to meet Americans wireless broadband needs and ensure that Americans continue to enjoy the local news and national programming broadcasters provide. As Rep. Henry Waxman and Senator Jay Rockefeller noted during the 2008 Presidential transition, it would be counterproductive for the FCC to consider complex and controversial items that the new Congress and new Administration will have an interest in reviewing.[1]

We strongly urge you to concentrate the Commission's attention and resources only on matters that require action under the law and efforts to foster the success of the broadcast incentive auction.

Sincerely,

Fred Upton
Chairman

Greg Walden
Chairman
Subcommittee on Communications and Technology

[1] Letter from Hon. Henry Waxman and Hon. Jay Rockefeller to FCC Chairman Kevin Martin, Dec. 12, 2008 *available at* http://www.broadcastingcable.com/file/2426-Rockefeller_and_Waxman_said.pdf