

**Statement of Commissioner James H. Quello  
Implementation of the Cable Television Consumer Protection  
and Competition Act of 1992 — Broadcast Signal Carriage Issues**

After promoting the cause of must carry for the past seven years, it is nice to finally have someone agree with me. It is especially nice to be joined by the overwhelming majority of Congress.

While I have been most closely associated with the must carry issue, I also have strongly supported the adoption of a retransmission consent requirement. I believe these new requirements represent basic justice for broadcasters, and for the viewers as well. I never felt that the Commission fully defended must carry rules in the past, which led to the predictable result of losing in court twice. Now, with a new law, backed by ample congressional findings, I believe that must carry has the support it deserves, and will need to withstand the court challenge that already has been filed.

Our job at the Commission, in addition to defending the new law, is to fashion clear and workable standards for implementing must carry and retransmission consent. With that in mind, I urge interested parties to file comments in this proceeding to help us with some of the complex issues we will face in fashioning the new rules.