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Honorable James Quello
Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
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JAMES H. QUELLO

Dear Jim:

It seems as if I am forever writing you to express my appreciation for your support in our never ending efforts to achieve UHF comparability. A very belated thanks for again having carried the UHF banner at the December 30, 1978 special open Commission meeting on UHF. I couldn't have said better what you did for the record: that the money Congress has appropriated for UHF comparability work would be better spent on practical development rather than additional, seemingly open-ended study.

Needless to say, I was disappointed that the staff's proposed plan seemed to ignore Congress' clear intention that the \$750,000 be used for action as suggested by the Council for UHF Broadcasting in its submission to the Commission's UHF Working Group. Nevertheless, I remain hopeful that your views were not totally lost upon those members of the staff who will undertake this crucial and long overdue work.

Thanks again for your efforts, Jim. At the very least, I hope that the recent actions by the Commission are an indication that, despite differences over the best method of achieving UHF comparability, the Commission has finally committed itself to that objective. That alone would be a positive step.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Hartford Gunn, Jr.

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