

JULY 31, 1998

MR. WILLIAM E. KENNARD
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
1919 "M" STREET, N.W., STE. 814
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RE: 5% TAX ON LONG-DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALLS, DIGITAL TELEVISION SETS

DEAR MR. KENNARD:

I AM GRAVELY CONCERNED ABOUT THE LEGALITY AND CONSTITUTIONALITY OF THE "IMPOSITION" OF THE 5% SURCHARGE ON ALL LONG-DISTANCE PHONE CALLS BY THE F C C. TO MY KNOWLEDGE, THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT HAS NOT VOTED ON, NOR PASSED, THIS ONEROUS TAX. IF WE STILL HAVE A "CONSTITUTION", THIS ACT IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL, AND THUS "NULL AND VOID". IN YOUR CONSIDERED OPINION, COULD THIS BE CONSTRUED AS "TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION"?

OF EQUAL IMPORTANCE IS THE PLANNED IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DIGITAL TELEVISION SETS. THE EXCESSIVE COSTS (\$5,000 TO _____) WILL BE A GREAT BURDEN ON MOST AMERICANS. AS A CONSEQUENCE, IF PEOPLE CANNOT AFFORD A SET, THERE IS THE LIKELIHOOD OF VITAL INFORMATION BLACKOUT.

THE ABOVE EVENTS ARE SO TROUBLING THAT I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR REASSURANCE THAT MY FEARS ARE UNFOUNDED BY GIVE ME WRITTEN PROOF TO THE CONTRARY.

I HAVE GIVEN AND SENT COPIES OF THE LETTER TO FRIENDS AND ACQUAINTANCES FROM TENNESSEE TO THE EASTERN SEABOARD AND THE WEST COAST, AS THEY MAY HAVE QUESTIONS, AS WELL.

I AM EXPECTANTLY AWAITING YOUR REPLY, HOPEFULLY, "SOONER RATHER THAN LATER".
HAVE A HAPPY DAY! ☺

A BELEAGUERED TAXPAYER,

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FRIENDS & ACQUAINTANCES, IF YOU THINK THERE MAY BE OTHERS INTERESTED
IN THIS INFORMATION, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO PASS IT ALONG TO THEM.

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