



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Telecommunications and
Information Administration
Washington, D. C. 20230

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The Honorable Edward J. Markey
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Telecommunications
and the Internet
Committee on Energy and Commerce
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Markey:

Thank you for your letter regarding the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's (NTIA) Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to Implement and Administer a Coupon Program for Digital-to-Analog Converter Boxes. As you are aware, this proceeding is currently subject to open notice and comment under the Administrative Procedure Act, and a more substantive response to the issues raised in your letter would be inappropriate at this time. Nonetheless, your thoughtful views on this important matter are welcomed and appreciated. The comments of you and your colleagues will be made a part of the public record in this proceeding.

I am personally committed to working with Congress and all interested parties to ensure this program, and the DTV- transition, is a success for all Americans. If I may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



John W. R. Kneuer

Acting Assistant Secretary for
Communications and Information