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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
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Dear Kevin Martin,

I believe the Federal Communications Commission's consideration of new, unproven, and unlicensed devices using the spectrum popularly referred to as television "white space" will create an unnecessary interference in the worship services of hundreds of thousands of churches across the country.

Our church services could not operate without our current wireless microphone technology. Our wireless microphones create a greater intimacy between pastors, musicians and the audience we serve in every service. Each week at Saddleback Church we host members, attenders and guests in one of our 34 services for around 25,000 people, not including our live stream audience.

The current stable performance of contemporary wireless microphones would be unnecessarily jeopardized in order to accommodate these new devices. In the 400,000 churches across the United States, a number of them in our network, hundreds of millions of worshippers like the ones here at Saddleback Church will have their most sacred time of the week interrupted by devices interfering with virtually all licensed microphones.

If the FCC were to carelessly loosen the standards and open them to these respective frequencies of new unlicensed devices, the Commission will cause immeasurable disruption to our ability to manage static and audio dropouts. Solutions to this situation will cause houses of worship will have to invest unknown resources to battle the interference from unlicensed mobile wireless devices.

Reports have shown the poor results obtained from testing these devices. From the beginning, the Commission has guaranteed the protection of the current space for wireless microphones and that before new devices are allowed in the band they would be proven effective.

From what I have read about the testing conducted by the FCC there is clearly no reliable technology that can protect wireless microphones from the interference that comes from new portable devices operating in the same or adjacent channels as wireless microphones.

I urge the FCC not to authorize new unlicensed wireless devices that will definitely interfere with our ability to conduct our services. The FCC should require that all new devices provide complete and assured interference protection for existing wireless microphone users operating in this spectrum.

Respectfully,

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