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David J. Berger, Mayor

June 11, 2015

Dr. Mary Ellen Mazey  
President  
Bowling Green State University  
220 McFall Center  
Bowling Green State University  
Bowling Green, Ohio 43403

Re: FCC Spectrum Auction for WBGU-TV

Dear Dr. Mazey,

This letter is from concerned citizens and friends of WBGU-TV. Our concern is the possible forthcoming FCC Spectrum Auction of WBGU-TV. We understand that it is possible that a decision related to the spectrum auction could take place as early as the upcoming BGSU Board of Trustees meeting next week on June 18, 2015. Our hope is that this very important decision as to the future of WBGU-TV will be postponed to a later date until more information and consideration can be given as to the impact this will have on the communities in Northwest and West Central Ohio.

Thousands of loyal viewers of this PBS mainstay have financially supported WBGU-TV since its inception over 50 years ago. Additionally thousands of students of the University have "learned the ropes" of television broadcasting at this tremendous educational asset.

We understand there are several options available that would still keep WBGU-TV operational and not cause the station to go dark and forever be lost to our communities.

1. Continue WBGU-TV operating at the current level.
2. Allow WBGU-TV to partner with another station and sell the excess spectrum.
3. Auction the UHF spectrum and continue WBGU-TV operations on the VHF spectrum

We feel that WBGU-TV has always been a part of the Core Mission of the University since the very beginning some 51 years ago, and must remain just that. Additionally we



understand that it is not a major financial drain to University and receives close to 80% funding support through Federal, State, PBS, and viewer supported dollars.

We support the further consideration of this very important issue and urge that a Study Group be formed to gather additional facts to be presented to your Board of Trustees before a decision is made.

Respectfully submitted by,



David J. Berger  
Mayor



Bruce A. Opperman  
Retired President & General Manager, NBC Lima  
Bowling Green University Alumnus (1966)



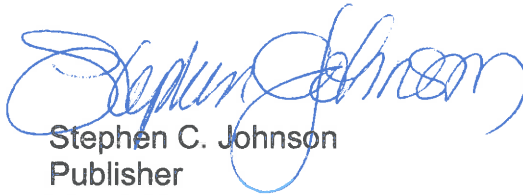
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