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Dear Mr. Brown,

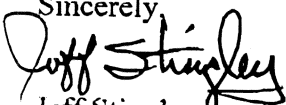
The Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society provides elder care and services in 240 communities within 24 states as the nation's largest not-for-profit senior care organization. All but a few of our facilities have television cable or satellite capability in resident rooms but for those few we do not, this letter is on their behalf.

We support your proposed rule to allow an exception or waiver for individuals residing in nursing homes or other senior care facilities to obtain coupons towards the purchase of digital to analog converter boxes for their individual room.

Our concern that I would appreciate your thoughtful response regards the audit that could occur at some future date. A nursing home resident may die, move back to their home or relative's home when rehabilitation is complete, may be admitted to a hospital or some other facility. The converter box is not the property of the nursing home and if the resident leaves, the box goes with the resident or family member as their personal property. If an audit was conducted and the above example existed, the converter box is not on the premise which was originally requested.

In the scenario above, which is very real, what will NTIA do and what is the nursing home administrator to do to avoid any potential audit issue?

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jeff Stingley
Director of Public Affairs