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September 5, 1974

Mr. Vincent T. Wasilewski,
President
National Association of Broadcasters
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Dear Vincent:

Thank you for your recent letter. I share your own concern that the broadcast license renewal process demonstrate fairness toward the electronic news media.

I am personally committed to full public knowledge and scrutiny of the governmental decision making process at all levels. I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss this matter further with you if you are ever in Atlanta.

Sincerely,

1st Jimmy
Jimmy Carter

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P.S. I'll share your ideas with candidates

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VINCENT T. WASILEWSKI
PRESIDENT

August 22, 1974

Governor Jimmy Carter
1974 Campaign Chairman
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Dear Governor:

I have delayed responding to your July 11 letter since I wished to get the benefit of comments from our principal executives here at NAB.

You have asked what issues are of particular interest to American broadcasters, a majority of whom we represent here at the Association. Of particular interest to our industry are the following four issues:

1. To secure full first amendment rights for the electronic news media, commensurate with the rights long enjoyed by our print colleagues; such is not presently the case.
2. To secure restoration of stability to the broadcast license renewal process. Such would be accomplished by the enactment of law similar to that set forth in HR 12993, passed by the House on May 1, 1974.
3. (To secure a moratorium on legislation and/or regulation that unfairly discriminates against broadcasters. I have in mind the congressional action that banned cigarette advertising on our media while permitting its continuance unabated on all others.)

4. Lastly, and in view of the unhappy events here in Washington recently, I believe that all candidates of both parties should be actively concerned with what may be called "the people's right to know." Subject to the obvious dictates of propriety and of national security, microphones and cameras should be permitted entry into all public proceedings, from Congress to courtrooms.

All surveys show conclusively that broadcasting is the public's principal source of news and, as well, the source that the people most trust. Artificial barriers should no more be erected against electronic journalists and their tools-of-trade than against the most distinguished print reporter, his pad, and his pencil.

The foregoing constitute four major areas of broadcast industry concern. There are others and, as we have in the past, we would again be pleased to appear before the Democratic Platform Committee to detail them.

We are most appreciative of your concern in seeking our industry's views.

Very truly yours,



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