



March 3, 2017

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Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: MB Docket No. 07-294; MD Docket No. 10-234  
MB Docket No. 12-106  
*Ex Parte* Notice**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1200, *et seq.*, of the Commission's Rules, National Public Radio, Inc. ("NPR") hereby notifies the Commission of the following *ex parte* presentation in the above-referenced proceedings.

On Wednesday, March 1, 2017, Michael Riksen, NPR Vice President for Policy and Representation, accompanied by Jose Fuentes and Josh Finestone of Navigators Global, met with Matthew Berry, Chief of Staff to the Chairman, and Alison Nemeth, Acting Media Advisor to the Chairman. In addition to discussing NPR and its representational role on behalf of its Members and public radio generally, the parties discussed (1) the Commission's recent action setting aside the Media Bureau Order on Reconsideration in MB Docket No. 07-294, MD Docket No. 10-234 and (2) the possible relaxation of the rule limiting third-party fundraising by noncommercial educational (NCE) broadcast stations.

In discussing the first matter, NPR expressed its sincere gratitude for the Commission's action. As NPR had previously commented, obligating board members of NCE broadcast stations to submit sensitive personal information to the Commission ostensibly to facilitate the Commission's understanding of commercial broadcast ownership would be extremely detrimental to NCE broadcast stations and undermine rather than advance the Commission's stated objective.

In discussing the second matter, NPR noted its previously expressed concerns about the possible impact such a rule change would cause by encouraging the use of NCE broadcast stations as fundraising vehicles for independent third parties or other non-station interests rather than as sources of public interest programming.

Please direct any questions you may have to the undersigned at 202.513.2050.

Sincerely,

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cc: Mr. Matthew Berry  
Ms. Alison Nemeth