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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Ex Parte* Notice
TV Ratings System and Oversight Monitoring Board, Docket No. 19-41
Children's Television Programming Rules, Docket No. 18-202

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Monday, March 4th, representatives of the Parents Television Council met with FCC officials to discuss the Commission's process for reviewing the TV Ratings System and Oversight Monitoring Board (Docket No. 19-41). Melissa Henson, PTC Program Director, and I met at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioner Brendan Carr and his staffer, Evan Swarztrauber; at 10:30 a.m. with Matthew Berry of Chairman Pai's office; and at 4:00 p.m. with Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel and her staffer, Kate Black.

At each meeting I provided background information about the PTC's longstanding concern about the accuracy, consistency, transparency and public accountability of the TV Content Ratings System and its Oversight. I reviewed with them the contents of my recent letter to Chairman Ajit Pai, which was cited in the Public Notice for this proceeding (<https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/022790483275/DA-19-120A1.pdf>).

I also shared research data and/or printed copies of research reports published by the PTC, including "A Dress Rehearsal for Tragedy" (<http://w2.parentstv.org/MediaFiles/PDF/Studies/2018GunStudy.pdf>), "Lewd by Example" (http://w2.parentstv.org/MediaFiles/PDF/Studies/2018_LStudy.pdf) and "Protecting Children or Protecting Hollywood?" (<http://w2.parentstv.org/MediaFiles/PDF/Studies/2016RRStudy.pdf>).

I also asked about the expected scope of the FCC's review, and was told that the review likely would be limited to the specific questions presented in the Public Notice. I also shared that the PTC would be producing new research data between now and the end of April, ahead of the FCC's May 15th response date to Congress.

During the conversations with Mr. Berry and Ms. Rosenworcel (and Ms. Black) I also expressed concern that the PTC's policy position and formal public comments regarding the Kid Vid issue (Docket No. 18-202) might unflatteringly influence the Commission's review and its ultimate report to Congress on the Ratings System and Oversight. Both expressed confidence that any of PTC's previous statements or policy positions on Kid Vid would not influence the Commission's review or its findings in this matter.

I thanked the Commissioners and staffers for their service to the nation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tim Winter", with a stylized, cursive script.

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President