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**Via ECFS**

Marlene Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: MB Docket No. 15-216 and MB Docket No. 10-71**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Earlier this week, the Center for Individual Freedom (CFIF), on behalf of over 300,000 supporters and activists across the nation, filed the attached Comment as part of the Department of Justice Antitrust Division's "Roundtable" on anticompetitive regulation.

In our Comment, we describe how government regulation distorts retransmission consent negotiations between television stations and pay-TV operators. They prevent parties from negotiating efficient and innovative carriage arrangements, and tend to lead to higher prices. While such regulation may be appropriate for mandatory carriage, they have no place in what should be marketplace negotiations. Accordingly, we urge the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to do everything within its proper authority to eliminate such regulations.

Thank you very much for your attention to this extremely important matter.

Sincerely,

Timothy Lee  
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