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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
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Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Communication
MB Docket No. 16-42, CS Docket No. 97-80

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 29, 2016, Keith Murphy of Viacom Inc., Kyle Dixon of Time Warner Inc., Anne Lucey of CBS Corporation, Kimberly Hulseley of Scripps Networks Interactive, Inc., and the undersigned, met with Matthew Berry and Ashwin Aravind of Commissioner Pai's office, in connection with the above-referenced proceeding.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the companies' views and concerns regarding the Commission's proposed rule framework and the HTML5-based app proposal recently submitted to the Commission by representatives of several large multichannel video programming distributors ("the MVPD apps plan").

The companies reiterated their preference that the marketplace be given the opportunity to continue providing consumers choice in how they access content over non-MVPD devices and platforms. The companies noted that content providers have played a leadership role in making such innovations possible via competitive licensing and other business arrangements. The companies expressed appreciation for the Commission's stated interest in addressing the concerns raised by content providers in previous filings in this proceeding. The companies further stated that, of the various alternatives, the MVPD apps plan offers a constructive foundation for providing consumers with an alternative to leasing set-top boxes, subject to certain additional protections for programmers and the clarification of particular details.

The companies underscored the importance of ensuring that any solution preserve and promote competition, consumer choice and continued investment in content. In particular, any final rules must ensure parity for programmer apps and provide program networks with enforceable contractual rights against competitive device manufacturers and MVPDs. The companies stated that they look forward to working closely with the Commission and MVPDs as the proceeding moves forward.

This letter is being submitted electronically in the above-referenced dockets, which have been granted permit-but-disclose status, pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's Rules. Should you have any questions concerning this submission, kindly contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

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