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

Re: Joint Petition for Rulemaking of America's Public Television Stations, the AWARN Alliance, the Consumer Technology Association, and the National Association of Broadcasters Seeking to Authorize Permissive Use of the "Next Generation TV" Broadcast Television Standard, GN Docket No. 16-142

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On August 24, 2016, Ross Lieberman of the American Cable Association ("ACA"), Paul Caritj of Harris, Wiltshire & Grannis, LLP and I met with representatives of the Media Bureau and the Office of Engineering and Technology to discuss the ongoing ATSC 3.0 proceeding. The following individuals were present from the Media Bureau: Bill Lake, Martha Heller, John Wong, Evan Baranoff, Michelle Carey, John Gabrysch, and Sean Mirzadegan. From OET, Julius Knapp, Ira Keltz, Walter Johnston, Martin Doczkat, Mark Colombo, and Barbara Pavon were present.

We discussed the concerns that ACA raised in its comments in this proceeding, including the many unanswered questions surrounding the proposed ATSC 3.0 transition, and the significant harm that this transition may cause to small cable operators and their viewers. We also provided an update on ACA's efforts to work with broadcasters to address these concerns. ACA plans to submit a detailed filing to further expound upon the concerns we raised in our comments.

Pursuant to the Commission's rules, I am filing a copy of this letter in GN Docket No. 16-142. Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
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Counsel to the American Cable Association

cc: Meeting participants