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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *User Interfaces, and Video Programming Guides and Menus*,
MB Docket No. 12-108

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 23, 2017, I spoke by telephone with Karen Peltz Strauss, Deputy Bureau Chief of the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau regarding two waivers related to the above-referenced docket. I regret the delay in filing this *ex parte*. Due to unforeseen circumstances, it was not possible to file until now.

The discussion focused on a written *ex parte* and a comment filed by the Institute for Public Representation (“IPR”) on behalf of Telecommunications for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Inc. (“TDI”) and a number of other consumer groups that advocate on behalf of individuals who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or who have additional disabilities.

First, I discussed the status update filed by Honda Motor Co., Ltd. (“Honda”) concerning its temporary waiver of the user interface (“UI”) requirements for its Rear Entertainment Systems (“RES”). Specifically, we discussed Honda’s proposed solution to bring its RES into compliance. I also discussed the reasons that Honda provided for why it would not be able to bring one of its vehicles into compliance by the deadline in the waiver.

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Second, I discussed the comment filed by IPR concerning the petition for waiver of the UI requirements filed by Fiat Chrysler Automobiles US LLC (“FCA US”) for a limited number of RES in its vehicles. I reiterated that the consumer groups do not object to the petition so long as the Commission includes clarifications that appropriately limit the scope of the waiver.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
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cc: Karen Peltz Strauss