

November 8, 2017

Notice of Ex Parte

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Rules and Policies to Promote New Entry and Ownership Diversity in the Broadcasting Services, et al, **MB Docket Nos. 17-289, 14-50, 09-182, 07-294, 04-256.**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On November 6, 2017, Phillip Berenbroick of Public Knowledge and Michael Calabrese of New America's Open Technology Institute (collectively, "Consumer Advocates") met with David Grossman of Commissioner Clyburn's office to discuss matters in the above-captioned proceeding.

The Consumer Advocates explained the draft media ownership order stands in stark contrast to the Commission's goals of promoting localism, competition, and a diversity of media voices. Like the Commission's ill-conceived recent actions to reinstate the outdated UHF discount and eliminate the Commission's longstanding Main Studio Rule, the draft order will lead to consolidation of local news outlets – print, broadcast television, and radio – and drastically decrease the diversity of control of newsgathering outlets in local communities. The Commission should not adopt the draft order.

In accordance with Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, an electronic copy of this letter is being filed in the above-referenced docket. Please contact me with any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

/s/ Phillip Berenbroick

Senior Policy Counsel
Public Knowledge

cc: David Grossman