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Mr. William F. Caton
Acting Secretary, Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Room 222, 1919 M Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of: Preemption of Local Zoning Regulations of Satellite Earth Stations: IB Docket No. 95-59; In the Matter of: Implementation of Section 207 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 Restrictions on Over-the-Air Reception Devices: Television Broadcast and Multichannel Multipoint Distribution Services: CS Docket Number 96-83, FCC 96-151 Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Re: Telecommunications Services--Inside Wiring, Customer Premises Equipment, CS Docket No. 95-184

Dear Mr. Caton:

On October 24, 1996, Robert M. Diamond, President and Lara Howley, Legislative and Public Affairs Coordinator of the Community Associations Institute (CAI) met with Meredith Jones, Chief of the Cable Services Bureau, and her staff members John E. Logan, Rick C. Chesson, Lawrence A. Walke, and Meryl S. Icove to discuss the above captioned rulemaking proceedings.

At this meeting, CAI reiterated its position outlined in its Comments submitted in both rulemaking proceedings. CAI also discussed the need for compatible rules in both proceedings, since the installation of central antennas serving many units in multiunit dwellings rests upon the ownership of inside wiring. CAI reiterated its position that the rule should be amended so that any wiring extending through common areas from the central junction box is owned by the owner of the common areas. (In a cooperative association, the association owns the common areas. In a condominium, the unit owners own common areas as tenants-in-common, but the association manages these areas.) Through this amendment, the wiring could accommodate signals from many different service providers, so that community association residents would have access to these signals, accomplishing a purpose of Section 207 of the Telecommunications Act.

We appreciate the opportunity to meet with Meredith Jones and her staff.

Sincerely,

Lara Howley (handwritten signature)

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