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

Re: Notification of Ex Parte Presentation of the National Cable & Telecommunications Association, GN Docket Nos. 14-28, 10-127

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Wednesday, November 12, 2014, Pat Esser (President of Cox Communications, Inc.), Jerry Kent (Chairman and CEO of Suddenlink Communications), Pat McAdaragh (President & CEO of Midcontinent Communications), Michael Powell (President and CEO of NCTA), and I met with Chairman Wheeler and his Legal Advisor, Daniel Alvarez, and Eric Feigenbaum of the FCC Office of Media Relations, to discuss issues in the above-referenced proceedings.

At the meetings, we reiterated our support for reasonable net neutrality rules guided by the basic principles set forth in NCTA's comments and reply comments in this proceeding and based on the Commission's authority under Section 706 of the 1996 Telecommunications Act. As the CEOs explained, such rules would be consistent with industry practices that have provided consumers with an open Internet experience for the past two decades.

The company leaders also described industry efforts to make gigabit broadband service available to their customers but expressed their concern that a dramatic shift to Title II classification and regulation would create significant uncertainty that would raise capital costs and impede ongoing network investment. Moreover, they expressed their concern that certain collateral effects of Title II reclassification may be beyond the reach of Commission forbearance – including state and local taxes that apply to utilities and telecommunications services but have not applied to broadband services as currently classified.

In sum, the company leaders argued that the impact of Title II reclassification would be to stifle investment and innovation, raise consumer prices, and hurt broadband adoption.

Respectfully,

/s/ **James Assey**

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cc: Chairman Wheeler
D. Alvarez
E. Feigenbaum