



May 8, 2015

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

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Communication, CS Docket 98-120

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Wednesday, May 6, 2015, the undersigned met with William Lake, Media Bureau Chief, and Michelle Carey, Media Bureau Deputy Chief, to discuss comments filed in response to the *Fifth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* ("Notice") in the above-captioned proceeding.¹ We discussed the necessity of extending the existing high definition ("HD") carriage exemption for small cable systems. We discussed the specific application of the HD carriage exemption to small cable systems operated by Suddenlink Communications and the adverse effects Suddenlink's customers in such small systems would suffer if the HD carriage exemption was not extended. I urged the Commission to extend the HD carriage exemption without change.

Respectfully Submitted,



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& Senior Counsel

¹ See *In re Carriage of Digital Television Broadcast Signals: Amendment to Part 76 of the Commission's Rules, Fifth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, CS Docket No. 98-120, FCC No. 15-29 (rel. Mar. 12, 2015) ("Notice").