

May 20, 2015

Via ECFS

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

Re: Ex Parte Communication With FCC Commissioners Relating To Proposed Charter/Time Warner Merger (**MB Docket No. 14-57**), Proposed AT&T Acquisition Of Direct TV (**MB Docket No. 14-90**), Creation Of Consumer Complaint Centers Operated Out Of Super Markets, And Lifeline Issues, As Well As The Growing Need For Greater Minority Ownership And Diversity Of Programs.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Monday, May 18, 2015, Faith Bautista, CEO and President of the National Asian American Coalition (NAAC), a member of the National Diversity Coalition (NDC) (which includes leadership from our nation's AME churches, Latino Evangelical churches, and minority Chambers of Commerce) met in Washington D.C. with FCC Commissioners O'Rielly and Pai, and senior staff members for Chairman Wheeler, Commissioners Rosenworcel and Clyburn. The NAAC initiated the meetings.

The primary purpose of the meetings was to discuss the future of very large telecommunication and cable companies, in the context of present and future mergers, and the need for greater public interest provisions by these companies and public interest protections by the FCC. The issues discussed included:

- the need for public interest provisions, should there be a Charter/Time Warner merger with or without Bright House;

- concerns that the AT&T/Direct TV merger contains too few public interest provisions;
- that Lifeline efforts must include greater public interest provisions and the possibility that the NAAC and the NDC would play a greater role in the pending Lifeline case;
- the need for independent consumer complaint centers, since minorities were disproportionately unlikely to file complaints with the FCC and/or the FTC; and
- the need for more minority ownership of cable programming.

Ms. Bautista discussed with Commissioner Rosenworcel's legal advisor Travis Litman concerns about the Lifeline program and the potential for our intervening, and with Commissioner Rosenworcel's policy advisor Valery Galasso the need for more minority ownership, and more minority diversity of programming.

Relating to consumer complaint centers, the topic was raised in the context of recent penalties assessed against AT&T, T-Mobile, Verizon, and Sprint for overbilling customers, and how consumer complaint centers that the NAAC is developing within 13 Island Pacific supermarket locations in California could be in the public interest for telecommunication and cable companies as well.

In accordance with the Commission's rules, this letter is being filed electronically with your office. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,



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National Asian American Coalition, on
behalf of the National Diversity Coalition