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

Re: 2010 Review of Media Ownership Rules, MB Docket 09-182; MB Docket No. 14-50

Ms. Dortch:

On November 23, 2015, Common Cause Program Director Todd O'Boyle and University of Delaware-affiliated researchers Dr. Danilo Yanich and Ally Becker met with Gigi Sohn and Eric Feigenbaum of the Chairman's staff on the matter of the above referenced proceeding. Russel Hsiao, Rebecca Weinstein, and Vernon Ross also attended. Please excuse the belated filing in 14-50 – this notice of ex parte was initially filed in a timely manner in the 09-182 docket alone.

Dr. Yanich and Ms. Becker laid out their research on broadcast ownership and market structure and discussed their findings at length. In particular, they highlighted how nested ownership structures lead to homogenization of content, to the detriment of the public interest.

Common Cause reiterated its long-held position that the Quadrennial Review not be a vehicle for further relaxation of reasonable media ownership limits. Common Cause further reiterated its concern that the record on media ownership is incomplete and that more research must be done should the Commission consider relaxing or eliminating the newspaper-broadcast cross-ownership rules.

I am available to discuss these matters at (302) 709-1781.

Respectfully,

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