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Marlene Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
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**Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Communication
Commissioner Ajit Pai and Chief of Staff Matthew Berry
MB Docket No. 13-249 (Revitalization of the AM Radio Service)**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The following meeting summary is submitted pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Section 1.1206(b)(1).

On March 17, 2016, Jessica Marventano, Senior Vice President for Government Affairs, iHeartMedia + Entertainment, Inc. (“iHeartMedia”) and Dan Dukes, iHeartMedia Senior Director for Government Affairs, met with Commissioner Ajit Pai and Matthew Berry, Chief of Staff, to discuss the status and timetable for the Commission’s AM Radio Revitalization proceeding.

In the course of that meeting, iHeartMedia previewed its concerns about the proposed reductions in interference protections set forth in the AM Revitalization Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making. In particular, iHeartMedia’s discussion focused on the hundreds of thousands of current listeners to Class A AM stations that would potentially lose access to programming following the elimination of skywave protections. Further, iHeartMedia noted that the elimination of critical hours protections for Class A AM stations would result in significant losses both in terms of listeners and in terms of geographic coverage within the FCC’s own recommended protected contour for Class A AM stations. iHeartMedia stated its position that adoption of these proposals would actually do significant harm to the overall health of the AM band.

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Respectfully submitted,

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