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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Re: **Ex Parte Notice**
In the Matter of Carriage of the Transmissions
Of Digital Television Broadcast Stations
Amendments to Part 76 of the Commission's Rules
CS Docket No. 98-120

Dear Ms. Roman Salas:

The Association for Maximum Service Television ("MSTV") hereby notifies the Commission that Victor Tawil, Vice President of MSTV and Ellen Goodman, MSTV counsel, met yesterday with Rick Chessen, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Tristani, and with David Goodfriend, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Ness.

The subject of the meetings was DTV cable carriage and interoperability issues. MSTV reaffirmed the importance of completing the rulemaking by the end of the year and stressed that there is now a narrow window of opportunity to settle outstanding carriage rules; if too much more time passes, this window will close and it will be very difficult to correct some of the consumer unfriendly developments currently unfolding in the areas video distribution and digital consumer equipment.

Please direct any questions to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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cc: Mr. Chessen
Mr. Goodfriend

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