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**Via Electronic Filing**

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W., TW-A325  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**RE: *Children's Television Obligations of Digital Television Broadcasters, MM Docket No. 00-167***  
***Second Periodic Review of the Commission's Rules and Policies Affecting the Conversion To Digital Television, MB Docket No. 03-15***  
***Digital Carriage Rules, CS Docket No. 98-120***  
***Standardized and Enhanced Disclosure Requirements for Television Broadcast Licensee Public Interest Obligations, MM Docket No. 00-168.***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to section 1.1206 (b)(2) of the Commission's rules, we hereby submit this notice regarding an *ex parte* meeting in the above-referenced proceedings.

On Monday, March 1, 2004, representatives of several public interest groups met with FCC Commissioner Kevin J. Martin and his legal advisor on media issues, Catherine Crutcher Bohigian. Attending the meeting were Jeff Chester, Executive Director of Center for Digital Democracy; Celia Wexler, Director of Research of Common Cause; Meredith McGhee, Executive Director of the Alliance for Better Campaigns; Michael Calabrese, Vice President & Director, Spectrum Policy Program for The New America Foundation; Norris Dickard, Director of Public Policy, Benton Foundation; Jonathan Rintels, President and Executive Director of the Center for Creative Voices in Media; and Angela Campbell, Director, and James A. Bachtell, Staff Attorney, of the Institute for Public Representation at Georgetown University Law Center.

The representatives discussed with the Commissioner and Ms. Bohigian the need to implement children's programming guidelines for digital broadcasters, rules relating to broadcasters' enhanced disclosure requirements, and other public interest obligations designed to increase public discourse and programming diversity prior to acting on the digital must-carry issue.

In accordance with the Commission's rules, this *ex parte* notice is being filed electronically in the above referenced dockets. If you have any questions regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 662-9535.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/

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