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Ex Parte Notice

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

Re: Digital Audio Broadcasting Systems and Their Impact on the Terrestrial Radio Broadcast Service, MM Docket No. 99-325, Rel. Apr. 20, 2004; Public Interest Obligations of TV Broadcast Licensees, Notice of Inquiry, MM Docket No. 99-360; Second Periodic Review of the Commission's Rules and Policies Affecting the Conversion to Digital Television, MB Docket No. 03-15 (see also MM Docket Nos. 00-167); 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) of the Commission's rules, this letter is to provide notice of an *ex parte* meeting regarding the above-referenced proceedings. On May 6, 2004, Amy Wolverton, Associate Legal Counsel and Media Program Director of the Campaign Legal Center (CLC), met with Jordan Goldstein, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Michael J. Copps.

During this meeting, Ms. Wolverton indicated the CLC's intent to file comments urging the Commission to apply political broadcasting rules to digital audio broadcasting. Ms. Wolverton stressed the importance of maintaining candidate access and equal opportunity requirements in the digital era, especially in light of decreasing political discourse coverage. Ms. Wolverton specifically stated that the Commission should require broadcasters to post the political portions of their public files on their websites. Easier access to such information would facilitate candidate attempts to exercise equal opportunity rights within the allotted seven day time frame.

Additionally, Ms. Wolverton argued that clear sponsorship identification requirements must apply to new digital broadcast technologies. While noting that digital broadcasters should be permitted some flexibility, Ms. Wolverton stated that political broadcasting and sponsorship obligations should apply to both multicasting and datacasting uses of the spectrum.

Finally, Ms. Wolverton informed Mr. Goldstein that the CLC is beginning distribution of its *Campaign Media Guide* and provided copies of the guide to Mr. Goldstein. The *Guide* is designed to be a resource for all those involved in political broadcasting, including advertising and news coverage, during federal elections. She also informed him of the CLC's *Media Guide* launch event, slated for early June, in which the CLC will promote the release of the *Guide*. (A copy of the guide is attached to this filing).

Pursuant to the Commission's Rules, this *ex parte* notice is being electronically filed through the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System procedures. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 202-736-2200 should you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

/s/

Amy R. Wolverton

Attachment

cc: Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Jordan Goldstein, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Michael J. Copps