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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: 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, 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 19, 2004, Amy Wolverton, Associate Legal Counsel and Media Program Director of the Campaign Legal Center, met with Jonathan Cody, Legal Advisor to Chairman Michael K. Powell, and Chris Lynch, Legal Intern.

During this meeting, Ms. Wolverton reiterated her request that the Commission issue a formal challenge to the broadcast and cable industries for increased coverage of campaign and election issues. She distributed an outline highlighting the continued reliance of the public on broadcasting for campaign and election information and the declining state of such coverage at both the local and national levels. Ms. Wolverton also emphasized the need for broadcasters to properly maintain political files and post them on their websites. A copy of the Center's outline is attached to this letter.

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: Chairman Michael K. Powell
Jonathan Cody, Legal Advisor to Chairman Michael K. Powell
Chris Lynch, Legal Intern