



June 15, 2006

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

Re: *Notice of Ex Parte Communication*, C.S. Docket No. 98-120

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Yesterday, NAB Board Member Lynn Beall, Executive Vice President, Gannett Television, and the undersigned of NAB met with Commissioner Tate and John Grant to discuss the cable carriage of local television broadcasters' full digital signals, including multicast programming streams. We stressed the need to prevent cable operators from stripping out portions of local broadcasters' free, over-the-air programming streams. We emphasized that advertiser supported broadcasting programming must obtain carriage to reach viewers and, thus, to be economically viable. Carriage would also serve the public interest because the viewers would be assured of access to broadcast multicast streams, including local programming. Finally, we confirmed that NAB continues to monitor the continued rollout of digital television, including multicast programming. NAB is willing to regularly share such information with the FCC.

Please direct any questions concerning this matter to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jane Mago".

Jane Mago
Sr. V.P. & General Counsel

cc: The Honorable Deborah Taylor Tate
John Grant