

June 18, 2006



Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
TW-A325
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Notice of Ex parte* presentation in MB Docket No. 98-120

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 14, 2006, Harold Feld and Paige Gold of Media Access Project and Alex Nogales, President of National Hispanic Media Coalition, met with Chairman Kevin Martin and Catherine Bohigian of OSPP. The parties discussed whether multicast must carry would provide a new means for independent programmers to access the cable platform. Mr. Nogales and Mr. Feld suggested that, in light of the recent antipathy of licensees toward independent programmers, it was uncertain whether licensees would negotiate with independent programmers to fill their streams. Mr. Feld also observed that if the Commission adopted a set aside for independent programming, as suggested by PIPAC, it would be far more likely that multicast must carry would provide a new way for independent programmers to get on the air.

In accordance with Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, this letter is being filed with your office. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harold Feld
Senior Vice President

cc:
Chairman Martin
Catherine Bohigian