August 11, 2006

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

Re: *Ex Parte:* In the Matter of Comcast Corporation's Request for Waiver of 47 CFR 76.1204(a)(1), CSR-7012-Z, CS Docket No. 97-80

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 10, 2006, Robert Pepper, Senior Managing Director, Advanced Technology Policy, Cisco Systems, Inc. and the undersigned had a meeting with Heather Dixon of Chairman Martin's Office to discuss the above-referenced waiver request of Comcast from the security integration ban for certain low cost set-top boxes.

Mr. Pepper and the undersigned presented Cisco's view that the waiver should be expeditiously granted for the following reasons. Including CableCARD functionality in low cost set-top boxes will almost double the cost of the boxes and will effectively mean that they are no longer low cost boxes. The availability of low cost set-top boxes is crucial to the cable industry's transition from mixed analog/digital platforms to an all-digital platform. The analog spectrum can then be repurposed for better services including High Definition broadcasts and higher speed broadband Internet access. The availability of low cost set-top boxes will also further important Commission goals in expanding consumer access to features such as family program tiers, parental controls, electronic program guides, and video on demand.

Additionally, Mr. Pepper and the undersigned urged the Commission to act quickly to approve this waiver because set-top boxes manfacturers, including Cisco, need an appropriate amount of lead time in order to prepare their procurement and manufacturing systems to meet the needs of their cable customers.

Please direct any questions relating to this filing to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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