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VIA ECFS
Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Ex Parte* Communications in CS Docket 97-80

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This is to notify you that on September 13, 2006, Gary Shapiro, President and CEO, Brian Markwalter, Vice President, Technology and Standards, and the undersigned, all of the Consumer Electronics Association (CEA), met with Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate and Chris Robbins, Acting Legal Advisor to Commissioner Tate.

During the meeting, we urged the Commission to uphold its rules regarding the requirement for all digital cable products -- including cable operator supplied set top box products -- to use separable security (*i.e.*, CableCARDS™) and to maintain the July 1, 2007 deadline for cable operators' compliance as currently written in 47 C.F.R. Section 76.1204. The discussion reflected arguments that CEA and its members have made in oral and written statements in the above-referenced docket.

This letter is being provided to your office in accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Federal Communications Commission rules. A copy of this letter has been delivered by e-mail to Commissioner Tate and Mr. Robbins.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie M. Kearney". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Julie M. Kearney
Senior Director and Regulatory Counsel

cc: Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate
Chris Robbins