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

**Re: Notice of Ex Parte Meeting,
CS Docket No. 98-120; MB Docket 05-255**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On September 27, 2006, Doron Gorshein, President and CEO of The America Channel, LLC, had several meetings at the Commission, with: Chris Robbins, advisor to Commissioner Tate; Commissioner Tate; Commissioner Adelstein; Heather Dixon, advisor to Chairman Martin; and Christina Pazué, advisor to Commissioner McDowell. I, as Counsel to The America Channel, attended only the meeting with Ms. Dixon.

During these meetings we discussed our support for the adoption of rules which would prohibit cable operators from stripping out portions of local broadcasters' free over-the-air programming, including multicast streams. Such measures could promote the public interest by among other things creating more opportunities for independent programmers.

We also discussed with Ms. Dixon, the critical importance to independent programmers, of expeditious video franchise relief which would enable new distributor competitors like the telcos to enter markets nationwide.

Very truly yours,

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