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**Re: Ex Parte Notice in CS Docket No. 98-120 and
MB Docket No. 06-121**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On January 23, 2007, Doreen Wade, President of Freedom Broadcasting, Inc., and Chair of the CBS Television Network Affiliates Association ("CBS Television Affiliates"), Timothy Busch, Senior Vice President of Nexstar Broadcasting Group and Secretary of CBS Television Affiliates, Scott Blumenthal, Co-Vice President of LIN Television Corp. and Treasurer of CBS Television Affiliates, and Jonathan Blake of Covington & Burling LLP, met with Chairman Martin, his Legal Advisor Heather Dixon, and Catherine Bohigian, Chief of the Office of Strategic Planning and Policy Analysis; Messrs. Blumenthal, Busch and Blake and the undersigned, along with the following CBS Television Affiliates Board members: Diana Wilkin, Vice President of Clear Channel Communications, Jim Hefner, Vice President of Captiol Broadcasting, Kirk Black, Vice President of Meredith Broadcasting, Phil Lane, Vice President of Media General, Thomas Griesdorn, Vice President of Dispatch Broadcast Group, and Thomas Draper, President of Draper Holdings Business Trust, met with Commissioner Tate and her Acting Legal Advisor Chris Robbins, and with Commissioner McDowell and his Legal Advisor Angela Giancarlo; Messrs. Blumenthal, Busch, Hefner, Black, Lane, Griesdorn, Draper and Blake and the undersigned met with Commissioner Adelstein and his Legal Advisor Rudy Brioché. Also, Messrs. Lane, Draper, Black, Hefner and Griesdorn and the undersigned met with Monica Desai, Rosemary Harold and Bill Friedman of the Media Bureau.

At these meetings, the CBS Television Affiliates discussed the impact on consumers and television broadcasters of allowing cable operators to act as gatekeepers with respect to the free, digital multicast programming streams offered by television stations in their local markets. The parties described the public benefits of such programming, including increased diversity and localism, and the anticompetitive effects of cable stripping such services out of broadcast signals. The parties emphasized that broadcasters' multicast programming offerings will not survive and deliver these benefits if they are not carried by

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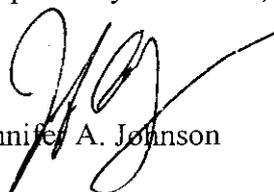
cable systems and that reliance on voluntary carriage is not sufficient to ensure carriage. The parties also discussed the Commission's authority to adopt digital carriage rules that prohibit cable from stripping out the free programming broadcasters provide through multicasting.

With respect to the media ownership proceeding, the CBS Television Affiliates discussed the need for relaxation of the Commission's local television ownership in smaller markets because of the particular economic challenges faced by stations in those markets. The CBS Television Affiliates discussed the ways in which a revised duopoly rule would preserve and enhance public interest benefits for smaller communities by allowing enhanced local news and other programming and resources for stations that could not otherwise afford it. The parties also discussed the increased sources of diversity and competition in today's marketplace. While Mr. Hefner participated in the discussion pertaining to digital multicast services and anti-stripping, Capitol Broadcasting holds a different view with respect to media ownership.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's Rules, an original and one copy of this letter are being submitted to the Secretary's office for each docket number, with a copy to those at the FCC who participated in the meetings.

Please direct any questions regarding this notice to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer A. Johnson

cc: Chairman Martin
Commissioner Adelstein
Commissioner McDowell
Commissioner Tate
Catherine Bohigian
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