



Consumer Federation of America

October 19, 2007

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St., SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Communication: 2006 Quadrennial Regulatory Review – Review of the Commission’s Broadcast Ownership Rules and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, **MB Docket No. 06-121**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 18, 2006, Mark Cooper of Consumer Federation, Chris Murray of Consumers Union Joe Torres of Free Press and Ben Scott of Free Press met with Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein and his legal advisor, Rudy Brioche, regarding the aforementioned proceeding on the public interest limits on media ownership.

During the course of all of those conversations, we discussed matters previously filed in the comments of Consumer Federation of America, Consumers Union, and Free Press. In particular, we raised our concern that relaxation of the newspaper-broadcast cross-ownership rule will reduce the number of voices and the amount of local news in a market. We also presented evidence from previously filed research to Commissioner Adelstein that the Commission has yet to properly study the impact of media market concentration on the level of minority ownership of broadcast stations. We briefly discussed how and why the Commission’s ten official studies in this docket failed to address these critical issues.

As required by Commission rules, a copy of this Notice will be filed in the relevant docket.

Sincerely,

Ben Scott
Policy Director
Free Press