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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Re: Ex Parte Filing
MB Docket No. 04-233
MM Docket No. 00-168
MM Docket No. 00-44
CS Docket No. 98-120

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the FCC's Rules, this letter is submitted, in duplicate, to advise you that on June 2, 2008, Brandon Burgess, Chairman and CEO and John Lawson, Executive Vice President, Policy and Strategic Initiatives, ION Media Networks, Inc. met with Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate and Legal Advisor Amy Blankenship, to provide information and discuss certain pending FCC proceedings.

During the meeting, the ION officials thanked Commissioner Tate for her statement in support of the nutritional guidelines adopted by the *qubo* children's programming service that advertisers must follow, a commitment that followed service by Mr. Burgess on the FCC's Task Force on Media and Childhood Obesity.

They also reported on the progress of ION's two 24/7 digital multicast channels, *qubo* and *ION Life*, which includes health and wellness programming. Messrs. Burgess and Lawson pointed out that despite the strong public interest nature of *qubo* and *Life*, very few cable and direct broadcast satellite customers were able to see them on their systems, although *qubo* is the only free, over-the-air children's television service distributed nationally by public or commercial television broadcasters. Even though ION is committed to pro-social programming, they noted that at some point ION must question whether or not *qubo* or *Life* merit continued investment by ION if carriage remains so limited.

Regarding the current broad localism proceedings, Messrs. Burgess and Lawson stressed the importance of the FCC proceeding carefully and deliberately before adopting any new regulatory requirements on free over-the-air broadcasting. They reiterated ION Media's concern with the impact of several of the proposed new regulations on the operation of its television

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stations. These views were consistent with the Comments that ION media has filed in the localism proceeding.

Sincerely,

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William L. Watson
Vice President
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cc: Amy Blankenship