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**VIA ECFS**

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

Re: ***Notice of Ex Parte Communication***  
**WC Docket No. 07-271**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Yesterday, Brother Pope Simmons and Robert Pell-deChame of the Kristin Books Hope Center ("KBHC") along with counsel, Isaac Himowitz and myself, met with Amy Bender, Acting Legal Advisor for Wireline Issues for Chairman Martin's office, Penny Nance, and John Hunter, Special Counsel for Wireline Issues for Commissioner McDowell's office, to discuss the return of KBHC's toll free suicide prevention hotline numbers (1-800-SUICIDE, 1-888-SUCIDE, and 1-888-SUICIDA) to KBHC.

During the meeting KBHC made clear that its financial situation is strong and that it is ready, willing, and able to resume operation of the numbers whenever the Commission orders the return of the numbers from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration ("SAMHSA"). As KBHC informed the Commission in its June 6, 2008 Letter, KBHC is now debt-free, having reached a settlement of its dispute with AT&T, thereby eliminating its last significant liability. Furthermore, as KBHC previously informed the Commission, KBHC has entered into service agreements with Heartbeat International, Care Net, and the Option Line to obtain telephony service for all of its lines, including the three temporarily reassigned suicide prevention hotlines. As a demonstration of its financial strength, KBHC has prepaid Option Line for twelve months of service for all of its numbers.

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KBHC's consistent track record of successful fundraising ventures ensures that it will be able to operate all of its numbers indefinitely. During the meeting, KBHC took the opportunity to describe to Commission staff its recent fundraising success. During its most recent fundraising event, KBHC raised more than \$30,000 over five days in partnership with PostSecret, To Write Love on Her Arms, and Synclive. In addition, KBHC has been the recipient of repeat grants from BMS, Astra Zeneca, Pfizer, and Forrest Labs. Over the next few weeks, KBHC will be launching its Hope In Action Tour, which has raised more than \$100,000 a year since it first began in 2003. Finally, KBHC has launched its 99 Club Fund Raising program, and already has numerous volunteers and civic organizations pledged to contribute more than \$400,000 over the next year. KBHC is in strong financial shape, and is prepared to reassume the burden of operating the suicide prevention hotlines as soon as the Commission orders them returned from SAMHSA's temporary guardianship.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter is being filed via ECFS with your office. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



Danny E. Adams