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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

March 6, 2009

Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Presentation

RE: 07-38, 08-190

Dear Ms. Dortch,

This letter is to advise you, in accordance with Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, that on March 5, 2009, Ben Scott and Derek Turner of Free Press met with Scott Deutchman, legal advisor to Acting-Chairman Michael Copps.

We discussed the status of the aforementioned proceedings that would conclude a round of changes the Commission is making to its broadband data reporting requirements. Specifically, we discussed the growing importance of the Commission's data collection decisions in the context of its role as partner in the distribution of the new NTIA and RUS broadband grants. Accurate data about broadband in America will be an invaluable tool for the administrators of these grants.

Further, we discussed the contents of a report—appended to this letter—recently published by Free Press regarding the stimulus programs and our recommendations for how they might be successfully implemented.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ben Scott", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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