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Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch:

RE: Notice of Ex Parte Communication: RM-11565 (MMTC Radio Rescue Petition)

This reports on an October 15, 2009, meeting with Commissioner Michael Copps and his legal advisors Jennifer Schneider and Jamila Bess Johnson. Also present was Karen Narasaki, Executive Director of the Asian American Justice Center, and myself.

I urged that in light of the current state of minority broadcast ownership, the Commission should take action to expand entrepreneurs' access to capital and ownership opportunities. In particular, I urged swift action on the MMTC Radio Rescue Petition, submitted July 19 of this year, which asks that the Commission revise and delete certain outdated and ineffective rules in an effort to promote public service, public safety, minority entrepreneurship and democracy.¹ I called particular attention to desirability of an advisory committee to explore migration of AM radio station to TV channels 5 and 6,² and noted that approximately two-thirds of minority-owned stations are found on the AM band.

Respectfully submitted,

David Honig

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President and Executive Director

¹ See MMTC Radio Rescue Petition for Rulemaking, MB 09-52, RM-11565 (July 19, 2009). .

² Id. at 7-9.