



November 16, 2009

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington DC 20554

RE: GN Docket Nos. 09-51, 09-47, 09-137

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On November 13, the undersigned and Senator Gordon Smith, President and CEO of the National Association of Broadcasters, met with Blair Levin of the FCC's Broadband Task Force. Senator Smith emphasized that broadcasters are open to engaging in productive dialogue about the FCC's national broadband report due in February, 2010. He specifically noted that the national broadband plan should not focus only on wireless broadband service and noted that capacity on fiber networks may prove to be a reliable way to make broadband service available. He urged the FCC staff to explore this alternative, noting that it could create jobs for the future.

Senator Smith explained that broadcasters continue to explore new and innovative ways to use spectrum currently allocated for free over-the-air broadcast service that will enhance the value that they provide for the American public. Those uses include high definition and multicast programming and mobile digital television services. He also emphasized that a plan to limit the ability of broadcasters to provide over-the-air HDTV service would harm the viewing public.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jane E. Mago". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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