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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Re: Ex Parte Communications
Gen Docket No. 09-47, 09-51, 09-137

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Monday, December 7, David Donovan, Victor Tawil and Bruce Franca of the Association for Maximum Service Television, Inc. (MSTV), met with Commissioner Michael Copps and his staff, including Jennifer Schneider, Joshua Cinelli and Jamila Bess Johnson.

We discussed some of the issues relating to broadcasting in the FCC's broadband initiative. We stated that broadcasters want to work with the Commission to help facilitate the deployment of broadband in the United States. However, some of the proposals would prevent local stations from offering HDTV, multicast and mobile television services. Specifically, we observed that rural broadband services could be accommodated with proper engineering. In addition, we noted that a significant number of cable and satellite systems rely on over-the-air television signals to access programming on their facilities.

No materials were distributed at this meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Donovan", is written over a large, stylized blue flourish that extends across the page.

David L. Donovan
President