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Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Via ECFS

**Re: American Cable Association (“ACA”) Notice of Ex Parte Presentation; CS
Docket No. 97-80; GN Docket Nos. 09-47, 09-51, and 09-137.**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission’s rules, we are electronically filing this letter in the above-referenced dockets as notice of an April 12, 2010 telephone conference between Commissioner Michael Copps’s Media Advisor, Joshua Cinelli, and the following persons:

Ross J. Lieberman, ACA, Vice President of Government Affairs
Jeremy M. Kissel, Cinnamon Mueller, Outside Counsel for ACA

During the telephone conference, participants discussed reports that the Commission will propose a set-top box integration ban exemption for cable systems with activated channel capacity of 552 MHz or less that would allow those systems to deploy low-cost, limited-capability integrated HD set-top boxes. ACA communicated its strong support for such an exemption, and urged that the exemption be included in any forthcoming Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

ACA reiterated that there is a critical need for the availability of low-cost integrated HD set-top boxes that allows small and medium-sized operators to cost-effectively reclaim bandwidth by transitioning their systems to all-digital. By doing so, operators can use the increased bandwidth capacity to deploy advanced digital services such as faster broadband speeds and VoIP telephony services. The availability of low-cost integrated HD set-top boxes will also allow operators, as they transition their systems to all-digital, to expend valuable capital on set-top boxes that – unlike non-HD set-top boxes – will maintain their usefulness for years to come.

Sincerely,

Jeremy M. Kissel

cc (via email): Joshua Cinelli
Ross Lieberman