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

**Re: Notification of Ex Parte Presentation of Time Warner Cable, et al., MB
Docket No. 10-71**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 23, 2010, the following cable industry representatives and I met with Commissioner Meredith Baker, Brad Gillen and Millie Kerr to discuss the petition for rulemaking to amend the Commission's rules governing retransmission consent: Robert Miron and Steve Miron of BrightHouse Networks; Pat McAdaragh and Tom Simmons of MidContinent Communications; and Richard Sjoberg of Sjoberg, Inc.

During this meeting, we explained that retransmission consent agreements are not the product of free market negotiations. Instead, Congress and the Commission insulated broadcasters from market forces by providing broadcasters with powerful regulatory advantages vis-à-vis MVPDs. We also discussed the changes in the MVPD marketplace that have occurred since the retransmission consent regime was put in place nearly 20 years ago and the consumer harm that has resulted from the rules not keeping pace with those changes. Specifically, broadcasters' substantially escalating demands for cash compensation have created an untenable situation in which consumers face increased subscription rates or the threatened or actual loss of popular programming.

Finally, we urged that the Commission expeditiously move to a rulemaking proceeding in order to develop a record on potential solutions.

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Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions regarding these issues.

Sincerely,

/s/ Cristina C. Pauzé

cc: Brad Gillen (via email)
Millie Kerr