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

RE: Notice of *Ex Parte* Meeting
In the Matter of Video Description: Implementation of the Twenty-First Century
Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010
MB Docket No. 11-43

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Monday, August 8, 2011, the Coalition of Organizations for Accessible Technology (“COAT”), represented by, Jenifer Simpson, Senior Director for Government Affairs, American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD); Eric Bridges, Director of Advocacy and Governmental Affairs, American Council of the Blind (ACB); Mark Richert, Director of Public Policy, American Foundation for the Blind (AFB); and Andrew Phillips, Policy Attorney, National Association of the Deaf Law (NAD), met with Michelle Carey, Deputy Chief, Media Bureau (“MB”); Karen Peltz Strauss, Deputy Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau; Mary Beth Murphy, Policy Division Chief, MB; Alison Neplokh, Chief Engineer, MB; Diana Sokolow, MB; Lyle Elder, MB; and John Norton, MB.

COAT discussed the implementation of rules for Video Description and the need to interpret the law broadly in order to follow Congress’ intent of making television accessible for people with visual impairments. COAT raised concerns about delays in implementation and the need for accessible guides/listings of audio described programming.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrew S. Phillips". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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