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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Via Electronic Filing

Re: MB Docket 09-182, 2010 Quadrennial Review – Review of the Commission’s Broadcast Ownership Rules and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996

Dear Ms. Dortch,

Free Press submits this notice regarding an *ex parte* communication in the above-captioned proceeding. On November 29, 2011, I spoke via telephone with Zachary Katz, Chief Counsel and Senior Legal Advisor to Chairman Genachowski.

The subject of the conversation was the pending 2010 Media Ownership Review. I briefly highlighted our concerns based on press reports that suggest the Commission is circulating a notice of proposed rulemaking that might reintroduce a relaxed newspaper-broadcast cross ownership rule – a policy unsupported by the record in this docket, and one substantially similar to the rule adopted along a party-line vote by the FCC in 2007, but then vacated by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit in July.

In accordance with Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission’s rules, this *ex parte* notice is being filed electronically in the above-referenced docket. If you have any questions regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

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