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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Compatibility Between Cable Systems and Consumer Electronics Equipment, PP Docket No. 00-67; MB Docket No. 11-169

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This is to advise that a discussion occurred at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas on January 12, 2012, among the following individuals: Alison Neplokh and Jeffrey Neumann of the Media Bureau; Avner Ronen of Boxee; John Casey and David Abrams of Hauppauge Digital; Parker Brugge of Best Buy; Milo Medin and Dov Zimring of Google Inc.; Adam Goldberg, a consultant to the AllVid Tech Company Alliance, and the undersigned as counsel to the Consumer Electronics Association and to the Alliance. In the course of this discussion reference was made by the representatives of Boxee and Hauppauge that their companies have made significant investments in past, present, and future products that rely on "clear QAM" for their functionality, and that their companies and their customers would be harmed by the actions proposed by the Commission in the above-referenced dockets. The meeting participants also referred to an ex parte letter of January 6, 2012 submitted by the undersigned, and urged the Commission to promote interoperability between nationally distributed consumer electronics products and cable systems, taking advantage of private sector IP-based standards that have been released since the Commission's action revising rule 76.640.

This letter is being provided to your office in accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules.

Respectfully submitted,



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