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Re: MB Dkt. No. 09-182, 2010 Quadrennial Review; MB Dkt. No. 07-294,
Promoting Diversification of Ownership in the Broadcasting Services; BO Docket
No. 12-30, Literature Review of Research on Critical Information Needs and Market
Entry

Dear Secretary Dortch:

On January 10, 2013 the individuals listed below, who represent members of The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights Media and Telecommunications Task Force, met with Thomas Reed, Carolyn Fleming-Williams, and Daniel Margolis of the Office of Communications Business Opportunities to discuss the Commission's pending plans to conduct studies regarding the information needs of communities. Attending the meeting were: Cheryl Leanza, United Church of Christ, OC Inc. and Leadership Conference, Task Force Co-Chair; Jason Lagria, Asian American Justice Center; Eric Geist, Communications Workers of America; Mike Scurato, National Hispanic Media Coalition; Todd O'Boyle, Common Cause; Corrine Yu, The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights; and Angela Campbell, counsel for UCC OC Inc. and CWA.

We expressed our strong support for the Commission's efforts to conduct, and complete, these studies. We explained we believe these studies must be completed before the Commission act to relax media ownership rules in the Quadrennial Review. We encouraged Mr. Reed to conduct as open a process as possible, including opportunities to comment and influence the format and execution of the studies. As experts in many of these issues, we expressed our desire to be involved in ensuring the studies are of extremely high quality and probative value. We encouraged Mr. Reed and his staff to consult with other agencies with expertise in these matters, like the Department of Transportation and the Department of Justice. We expressed our concern that the decisions in the Quadrennial Review not undermine the legal case for policy proposals which might result after the completion of these studies.

Sincerely,

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