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

Re: MB Docket No. 13-50

Dear Ms. Dortch:

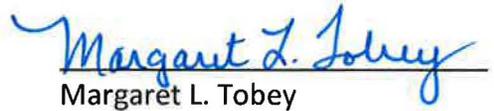
On November 6, 2013, the undersigned spoke on the telephone with Matthew Berry, Chief of Staff to Commissioner Ajit Pai, concerning the proposed Declaratory Ruling in the above-referenced docket, which is tentatively scheduled for consideration at the Commission's November 14 open meeting. The purpose of the Declaratory Ruling is to clarify the Commission's policies and procedures in reviewing broadcast applications for transfer of control or assignment of license that include a request for a determination under Section 310(b)(4) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, that foreign ownership in excess of 25 percent in the parent company of a broadcast licensee will not disserve the public interest. See Public Notice, "Media Bureau Announces Filing of Request for Clarification of the Commission's Policies and Procedures Under 47 U.S.C. § 310(b)(4) by the Coalition for Broadcast Investment," DA 13-281 (rel. Feb. 26, 2013). The Coalition for Broadcast Investment seeks a ruling that the Commission will "conduct a substantive, facts and circumstances evaluation of proposals for foreign investment in excess" of the 25 percent limit. I advised Mr. Berry that NBCUniversal Media, LLC ("NBCUniversal") supports initiatives that will increase the flow of capital to U.S. broadcasting companies. I also noted that if the Declaratory Ruling is adopted, it will signal an openness on the part of the U.S. that could help U.S. broadcast companies gain greater access to foreign media markets, some of which allow no foreign investment in their broadcasting enterprises. For this reason, I urged that the Commission consider including a statement in the Declaratory Ruling expressing the Commission's hope that this action will spur foreign governments to open their own media markets to greater investment by U.S. companies.

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Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2), a copy of this notice is being filed electronically and a copy is being provided to the office of the Commission participant in the meeting.

Questions or correspondence concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,


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cc: Matthew Berry