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*Via Electronic Filing*

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

**Re: MB Docket No. 12-106**  
***Ex Parte Notice***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1200, et seq., of the Commission's Rules, National Public Radio, Inc. ("NPR") hereby notifies the Commission of the following *ex parte* presentation in the above-referenced proceeding.

On Wednesday, November 6, 2013, Mike Riksen, NPR VP Policy & Representation, Greg Lewis, NPR Deputy General Counsel, and the undersigned met with Matthew Berry, Chief of Staff to Commissioner Ajit Pai. The parties discussed the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking with respect to a proposed relaxation of the rule limiting third-party fundraising by noncommercial educational (NCE) broadcast stations.

NPR reiterated its position that the current waiver system was working well for NCE radio stations and that the Commission's proposal to allow NCE stations to interrupt programming to fundraise for third parties raised serious operational and other concerns. In particular, NPR noted concerns about stations facing pressure to fundraise for affiliated parties, the proposal's impact on the purpose and nature of NCE broadcasting itself, and the potential for abuse should the Commission relax the current prohibition.

Please direct any questions you may have to the undersigned at 202-513-2744.

Sincerely,

*Rishi Hingoraney /s/*

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Cc: Matthew Berry