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

Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* presentation in MB Docket No. 09-182, 2010 Quadrennial Review; MB Docket No. 10-71, Retransmission Consent

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Today, John Bergmayer of Public Knowledge (PK) spoke by telephone with Gigi Sohn, Special Counsel for External Affairs in Chairman Wheeler's office.

PK reiterated its view that broadcaster joint service agreements (JSA), shared service agreements (SSA), and joint negotiations generally can drive up the fees that MVPDs pay in retransmission consent fees, costs which are ultimately born by consumers. PK stated that it believes the Commission should move forward to protect consumers from rising MVPD subscription bills by addressing the JSA/SSA issue, in both the media ownership and retransmission consent dockets.

Respectfully submitted,

/s John Bergmayer
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