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

*Via Electronic Filing*

**Re: MB Docket No. 09-182, 2010 Quadrennial Review**  
**MB Docket No. 10-71, Retransmission Consent**  
**MB Docket No. 13-189, Gannett-Belo**

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On Monday, January 27, 2014, I spoke by telephone with Adonis Hoffman, Chief of Staff and Senior Legal Advisor – Media, to Commissioner Mignon Clyburn, regarding issues in the above captioned dockets.

During the call, I described the harms Free Press has chronicled from rampant media consolidation that relies on current loopholes for “shared services agreements” and other such arrangements. These agreements lead to the shuttering of local newsrooms, less competition in the local TV marketplace, and less diversity of viewpoint and ownership on the public airwaves.

I discussed the points raised in the attached letter, originally filed in these dockets on January 24 by Free Press and a large collection of consumer groups, media reform organizations, civil rights coalitions, labor unions, and multichannel video programming distributors. From the letter, I highlighted in particular the example of duplicate newscasts — and even shared newscasters — on the Fox and CBS affiliates in Charleston, South Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,

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