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Marlene Dortch

Secretary

Federal Communications Commission

445 Twelfth Street, SW, Room A325

Washington, DC 20554

RE: Ex parte notification regarding MB Docket Nos. 10-71, 12-3, 13-236, 09-182, 07-294, 04-256

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 2, 2014, Leslie Moonves, President and Chief Executive Officer of CBS Corporation, John Orlando, Executive Vice President of Government Affairs for CBS Corporation, and the undersigned met with Chairman Tom Wheeler, Philip Verveer and Maria Kirby.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss retransmission consent. Mr. Moonves urged the Chairman to maintain the current regime, noting how critical the second stream of retrans revenues is to CBS's ability to continue producing the highest quality sports, entertainment and news programming. He noted that because CBS garners more viewers than any other cable network, its own local stations and those of its affiliates nationwide deserve the highest fees they can negotiate in the marketplace.

Mr. Moonves also discussed concern with the FCC's proposal to eliminate the sports blackout rule and the network non-duplication/syndicated exclusivity rules. He emphasized that these rules help ensure that broadcasting remains a vibrant platform for professional sports and that localism can continue to be the hallmark of our industry.

Finally, Mr. Moonves briefly addressed the media ownership rules and stated that if the UHF discount is eliminated, the national cap should be raised. He also noted that while CBS does not engage in JSAs, we understand that some broadcasters may need to do so in order to remain economically viable.

Sincerely,

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cc: (via email)
Chairman Tom Wheeler
Philip Verveer
Maria Kirby