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Via Electronic Filing

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W., TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

**RE: *Children's Television Obligations of Digital Television Broadcasters*, MM Docket No. 00-167
Second Periodic Review of the Commission's Rules and Policies Affecting the Conversion To Digital Television, MB Docket No. 03-15
Digital Carriage Rules, CS Docket No. 98-120
Standardized and Enhanced Disclosure Requirements for Television Broadcast Licensee Public Interest Obligations, MM Docket No. 00-168.**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to section 1.1206 (b)(2) of the Commission's rules, we hereby submit this notice regarding an *ex parte* meeting in the above-referenced proceedings.

On Friday, February 13, 2004, representatives of several public interest groups met with FCC Commissioner Michael J. Copps and his senior legal advisor, Jordan Goldstein. Attending the meeting were Jeff Chester, Executive Director of Center for Digital Democracy; Celia Wexler, Director of Research of Common Cause; Meredith McGhee, Executive Director of the Alliance for Better Campaigns; Jonathan Rintels, President and Executive Director of the Center for Creative Voices in Media; and Angela J. Campbell and Cynthia Morikone with the Institute for Public Representation at Georgetown University Law Center.

The representatives discussed with the Commissioner and Mr. Goldstein the need to implement children's programming guidelines for digital broadcasters and rules relating to broadcasters' enhanced disclosure requirements prior to acting on the digital must-carry issue.

With 217 stations now using digital technology to multicast, it is important that the Commission rule on what obligations digital broadcasters have to provide educational and informational programming for children. Further, it is necessary to implement disclosure obligations for all broadcasters to ensure that public interest obligations are being met.

In accordance with the Commission's rules, this *ex parte* notice is being filed electronically in the above referenced dockets. If you have any questions regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 662-9535.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/

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