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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E.
Suite 110
Washington, DC 20002

Re: Ex Parte Notice
*In the Matter of Second Periodic Review of the Commission's Rules and
Policies Affecting the Conversion to Digital Television*
MB Docket No. 03-15

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Tribune Broadcasting Company ("Tribune"), which indirectly owns and operates 26 television stations across the United States, hereby files this letter in support of the Special Submission of the Association for Maximum Service Television, Inc. ("MSTV") on the DTV Channel Election and Repacking Process ("MSTV Repacking Plan").

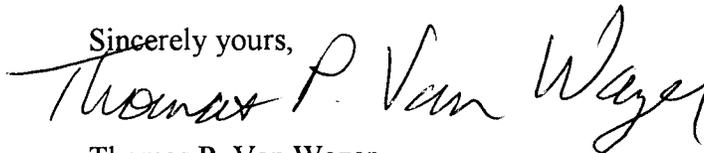
Tribune supports the basic principles and concepts outlined in the MSTV Repacking Plan and believes it represents an important advancement in the DTV transition. In particular, MSTV's proposed five-step channel election process represents an organized and rationale approach to what will be an enormously complicated process. While Tribune has some concerns about the details of the plan, these concerns can be appropriately raised and addressed in a proceeding opened by the FCC seeking comments on the proposed MSTV Repacking Plan.

Before broadcasters should be required to select permanent channels for the end of the transition, the Commission must outline the procedures that will be followed and the priorities that will be applied during the selection process. For all these reasons, Tribune urges the FCC to adopt the proposed five-step channel election process proposed by MSTV in its Repacking Plan and put the Plan out for public comment as soon as possible.

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Please direct any questions regarding this matter to the undersigned.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas P. Van Wazer". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Thomas P. Van Wazer