Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20544

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Tuesday, September 1, 2015, Jeff Brogan (Vice President & General Manager, WCPO-TV, Cincinnati), Mona Morrow (Director of Community Affairs, WCPO-TV, Cincinnati), Dominic Mancuso (Vice President & General Manager, WOIO-TV/WUAB-TV, Cleveland), Christine Merritt, President, Ohio Association of Broadcasters (“OAB”), Joe Pomilla (Vice President and General Manager, WSOC-TV, Charlotte), Steve Hammel (Vice President and General Manager, WRAL-TV, Raleigh), Kym Grinnage (Vice President and General Manager, WWBT, Richmond), Jack Dempsey (Vice President and General Manager, WCYB-TV, Bristol, VA), Doug Easter, President, Virginia Association of Broadcasters (“VAB”), and the undersigned (counsel to the OAB, VAB, and North Carolina Association of Broadcasters (“NCAB”)) met with the following officials of the Commission to discuss the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the above-referenced docket concerning the Commission’s television broadcast program exclusivity rules:

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• Jeff Brogan, Mona Morrow, Dominic Mancuso, Christine Merritt, Joe Pomilla, Steve Hammel, Kym Grinnage, Doug Easter and the undersigned met with Alison Nemeth, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Pai;

• Jeff Brogan, Dominic Mancuso, Christine Merritt, Joe Pomilla, Steve Hammel, Kym Grinnage, Jack Dempsey, Doug Easter and the undersigned met with Commissioner Rosenworcel; and

• Jeff Brogan, Dominic Mancuso, Christine Merritt, Joe Pomilla, Steve Hammel, Jack Dempsey, Doug Easter and the undersigned met with Maria Kirby, Legal Advisor to Chairman Wheeler.

During these meetings, the representatives of the NCAB, OAB, and VAB affirmed their support for retention of the Commission’s network non-duplication and syndicated program exclusivity rules. In support of their position, the representatives of the NCAB, OAB, and VAB discussed, among other things, how the Commission’s program exclusivity rules are part of the Commission’s core statutory mandate to assure a system of local television broadcast service, and how repeal of the exclusivity rules would provide an unfair competitive regulatory advantage to cable television systems that would, in turn, threaten local stations’ ability to provide local programming responsive to the needs of the local communities they are charged to serve.

If you should have any questions in connection with this matter, it is respectfully requested that you communicate with this office.

Very truly yours,

Charles F. Marshall
Counsel to the NCAB, OAB, and VAB

cc: Commissioner Rosenworcel
    Alison Nemeth
    Maria Kirby