June 17, 2014

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554  

Re: Petition For Declaratory Ruling Regarding AT&T's U-verse PEG Product, CSR-8126, MB Docket No. 09-13; Proposed Transfer of Control of DirecTV to AT&T Inc., MB Docket No. 14-90

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, this ex parte notice is filed on behalf of the Alliance for Community Media ("ACM"). On June 16, 2014, Michael Wassenaar, ACM Public Policy Advisor, Lonni Moffet, ACM Board Member, and the undersigned, counsel for ACM, met with Gigi Sohn, Special Counsel for External Affairs, Office of Chairman Wheeler, and Maria Kirby, Legal Advisor, Media, Consumer and Governmental Affairs and Enforcement, also of the Office of Chairman Wheeler, to discuss issues in the above-referenced proceedings.

We urged the Commission to take action on ACM’s petition in DN 09-13, which has been pending for over five years. We discussed the issues set forth in the attached written handout, which was distributed at the meeting. ACM stressed that public, educational and governmental ("PEG") access channels should receive equal treatment, in terms of subscriber accessibility and functionality, to local broadcast and other commercial channels on a cable system. We also stressed the uniquely local programming that PEG channels provide to their local community. We further urged that the Commission should not act on the application for transfer of control of DirecTV to AT&T until or unless it acts on ACM’s long-pending petition in DN 09-13.
If there are any questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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