



August 20, 2012

Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Presentation
Docket No. 96-128, Petitioner Martha Wright et al., Alternative Rulemaking Proposal

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Tuesday, August 14, 2012, amalia deloney met with staff from Commissioner Clyburn's office to discuss issues raised in the above-captioned docket. This meeting was conducted in her capacity as Associate Director of the Center for Media Justice and a representative of the Media Action Grassroots Network ("MAG-Net"), a nationwide, local-to-local advocacy network of community groups working together for media change in order to end poverty, eliminate racism, and ensure human rights.

This meeting included Angela Kronenberg, Wireline Legal Advisor; and Louis Peraertz, Legal Advisor, Wireless, International, and Public Safety. During the meeting, she provided a general overview and update regarding MAG-Net's continued interest in Docket No. 96-128, and their strong belief that predatory rates deter regular telephone contact with stable family members and others in the community. Further updates included the work of the Prison Phone Justice Campaign—including the hundreds of stories submitted to the docket by campaign members directly impacted by the predatory practice. In addition, Ms. deloney shared that Prison Legal News—a campaign partner—ran a newspaper ad, which resulted in dozens of new comments filed by currently incarcerated individuals.

In conclusion, Ms. deloney alerted staff to a partnership between the Prison Phone Justice Campaign and Participant Media—a film company that creates specific social action campaigns for each of their films and documentaries. Structured around the upcoming release of their film, *Middle of Nowhere*, Participant Media will join the Media Action Grassroots Network in drawing attention to the exorbitant rates paid by prisoners' families and the shared belief that the FCC, as the only agency with jurisdiction over long distance rates, is the correct venue to resolve this problem.

On behalf of these groups, Ms. deloney offered Ms. Clyburn and her staff their continued help and assistance to take a strong stand on this issue at the Federal Communications Commission.

I submit this letter to the Secretary's office today pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b). Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions regarding this submission.

Respectfully submitted,

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