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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
45 L St NE
Washington, DC 20554

Re: In the Matter of Applications to Transfer Control of TEGNA Inc. to Nexstar
Media Inc., MB Docket No. 25-331

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On February 26, 2026, Optimum Communications' Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer Dennis Mathew, General Counsel Michael Olsen and the undersigned met with Chairman Carr and Media Bureau Chief Erin Boone and met separately with Marcus Maher, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Trusty.

We discussed the company's focus on providing affordable video options to consumers and our concerns about the impact of broadcast consolidation on consumer prices, particularly seniors and income-constrained consumers who continue to rely on linear cable tv packages for their news and entertainment. We also discussed measures that could mitigate the impact of mergers such as Nexstar/Tegna on consumers, including (a) requiring the merging parties to forgo enforcement of any automatic retransmission consent rate increases resulting from after-acquired station clauses, until existing contracts expire; (b) enforcing FCC rules on sidecar agreements so that sidecar stations are attributable for ownership rules purposes; (c) requiring divestiture of Big-4 triopolies in a local market; and (d) reviewing FCC rules that prevent cable providers from importing a substitute broadcast signal during blackouts.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Cristina Chou
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cc: Erin Boone
Marcus Maher