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The Honorable Lindsey Graham  
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

CBS Corporation ("CBS") hereby responds to your November 1, 2019 letter to confirm that CBS stands willing to assist in the transition upon the expiration of the STELA Reauthorization Act of 2014 ("STELAR") on December 31, 2019. CBS agrees that STELAR should finally expire as Congress originally intended.

CBS supports a transition and intends to work diligently with its broadcast affiliates to achieve the dual goals of ensuring the continued availability of network news and prime time programming during the transition and ultimately expanding the distribution of our broadcast television station affiliates and the news and other locally responsive public affairs programs they broadcast to viewers in their markets.

With regard to the specific questions raised in your November 1, 2019 letter:

- **Is CBS willing to provide a one-year license to satellite providers for CBS owned shows, provided you receive market-by-market usage data from each satellite provider, including the total usage by long distance truckers and recreational vehicle owners?**

CBS is willing to provide the satellite providers a one-year license, through December 31, 2020, to permit them to retransmit CBS-owned programming to subscribers currently served pursuant to the authorization granted under STELAR, including to long distance truckers and recreational vehicle owners.

Note that due to the program exclusivity guarantees CBS has provided to its affiliates in each of their markets, the affiliates will need to grant CBS a narrow waiver in order to permit this distribution during the transition period. Based on initial discussions with representatives of the CBS affiliates, we do not anticipate this will be an issue.

- **Subject to the usual terms and conditions that apply to carriage contracts, will the rate CBS charges for your shows be comparable to the 2018 rate set by the Copyright Royalty Board for the compulsory Section 119 license?**

Yes, the rates CBS will charge satellite providers during the transition period to permit them to retransmit CBS-owned programming will be comparable to the 2018 rate set by the Copyright Royalty Board.

- **Will CBS commit to supporting your affiliates as they negotiate with satellite providers during this one-year transition period on a carriage agreement for full local-into-local on both satellite providers that would begin no later than January 1, 2021?**

Yes, CBS will support our local broadcast affiliates as they negotiate with satellite providers during the one-year transition period with the goal of providing full local-into-local service nationwide. CBS has already granted each of its local affiliates the right to grant consent for the retransmission of the CBS network programs they broadcast to satellite provider customers located in their television market and is willing to provide further assistance as necessary.

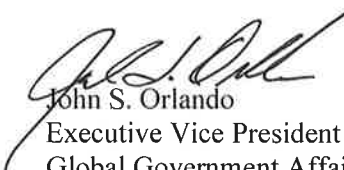
- **For areas without local affiliates, will CBS commit to negotiating with both satellite providers during this one-year transition period on a carriage agreement that would begin no later than January 1, 2021?**

The Zanesville, Ohio television market is currently the only market that does not have a local CBS broadcast affiliate. CBS will commit to negotiating with both satellite providers during the one-year transition period for a carriage agreement regarding CBS network programs.

- **Will CBS commit to regularly informing my Committee of your ongoing efforts to reach such carriage agreements?**

Yes, CBS will keep the Committee informed about its ongoing efforts to reach the carriage agreements described herein.

Sincerely,



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