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Ms. Cathy Williams  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th St, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: OMB Control No. 3060-0214**

Dear Ms. Williams:

Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act, Free Press submits this letter and links to over 40,000 signatures from members of the public in support of the Federal Communications Commission's April 27, 2012 Order which adopts new online posting requirements to improve public access to the existing data contained in television broadcasters' public files.<sup>1</sup>

Free Press is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to promoting responsible media policies that reflect the needs and interests of the public.<sup>2</sup> Access to broadcasters' public files is a critical component of promoting transparency and public participation in the broadcast licensing process and ensuring that broadcasters, as trustees of the public airwaves, serve their local communities of license. The FCC's effort to bring stations' existing public files into the digital age is a common-sense move that will enhance public access to these important records.

Central to Free Press' mission is ensuring that the voice of the public is heard in policy debates. To that end, linked here, please find over 40,000 signatures of members of the public in support of the FCC's efforts to make television broadcasters' public files accessible via the Internet: [http://www.freepress.net/files/final\\_omb\\_1.pdf](http://www.freepress.net/files/final_omb_1.pdf) and [http://www.freepress.net/files/final\\_omb\\_2.pdf](http://www.freepress.net/files/final_omb_2.pdf).

We urge the Office of Management and Budget to consider this broad public support for transparency and meaningful access to essential information and to promptly approve this information collection.

Respectfully submitted,  
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<sup>1</sup> *Standardized and Enhanced Disclosure Requirements of Television Broadcast Licensees Public Interest Obligations*, Second Report and Order, MM Dkt. 00-168, FCC 12-44 (rel. Apr. 27, 2012, Fed. Reg. May 11, 2012).

<sup>2</sup> Free Press, along with a coalition of other public interest organizations, is filing a separate Comment in support of OMB approval of the FCC's Order. We write independently here to emphasize the depth and breadth of public support for this transparency initiative.