



February 9, 2018

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Modernization of Media Regulation Initiative (MB Docket No. 17-105)**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In its Media Modernization filing<sup>1</sup>, Public Broadcasting stated that it fully endorses equal employment opportunity and further recommended that the FCC's EEO rule be retained, with suggestions for ways to reduce some of the duplicative reporting requirements, given other station data collection obligations and other regulatory oversight and enforcement applicable to public broadcasters.

Public Broadcasting has recently learned that some stakeholders are concerned that this filing represents a retreat from Public Broadcasting's commitment to equal employment opportunities. Nothing could be further from the truth. Public Broadcasting's commitment to diversity and inclusion remains strong and unwavering.

To correct any misimpression and affirm Public Broadcasting's substantive position on equal employment opportunities, Public Broadcasting withdraws its comments with respect to 47 CFR §73.2080.

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<sup>1</sup> Comments of America's Public Television Stations, Corporation for Public Broadcasting, National Public Radio Inc., and Public Broadcasting Service, *In the Matter of Modernization of Media Regulation Initiative*, MB Docket No. 17-105 (filed July 5, 2017).

Regards,

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