



September 7, 2016

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Presentation in MB Docket No. 16-41, *Promoting the Availability of Diverse and Independent Sources of Video Programming*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On September 7, 2016, Cheryl Leanza of the United Church of Christ, O.C. Inc., and Carmen Scurato and I of the National Hispanic Media Coalition, spoke over the phone with FCC Commissioner Mignon Clyburn's chief of staff, J. David Grossman, about the Commission's notice of inquiry in the above-referenced docket.

We urged Mr. Grossman to support issuance of a notice of proposed rulemaking that includes questions about whether the FCC itself has engaged in past conduct that has perpetuated racism and sexism, and stymied diverse programmers in the market, leading to present day conditions in which women and people of color are vastly underrepresented as programmers and content creators. Specifically, we requested that the Commission examine the following questions in the context of this proceeding:

- (1) In the past, has the FCC ever acted discriminatorily, condoned discrimination, or perpetuated discrimination in any way?
- (2) If so, what are the present effects of this past discrimination?
- (3) Should the government attempt to remedy this past discrimination, and, if so, how?

Finally, we supported other questions attempting to further flesh out how to enhance diversity in a letter from David Goodfriend, filed in the docket on September 2, 2016.

I respectfully submit this notice of ex parte presentation pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).

Sincerely,

/s/ Jessica J. González

Executive Vice President & General Counsel