

May 15, 2003

The Honorable Michael K. Powell  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Docket No. MB-02-235**

Dear Mr. Chairman:

My name is Lorraine Cortes-Vazquez, President of the Hispanic Federation. I am writing in regards to the Commission's review of the proposed merger between Univision Communications Inc. and Hispanic Broadcasting Corporation (HBC).

The Hispanic Federation is an umbrella organization for 76 Latino health and human service agencies in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut. I can declare in no uncertain terms that the philanthropic activities of Univision have aided the charitable efforts of all the organizations in our network. Univision's commitment to the Latino community has been unparalleled and it is this leadership that we celebrated in March of 2003 when we presented Univision with our Corporate Leadership Award at our annual gala.

Few if any other corporations have distinguished themselves more than Univision in their efforts to create opportunities for disadvantaged members of our community. For this reason, Univision has long been recognized as a philanthropic leader and as a model for others seeking to become an outstanding corporate citizen.

The Federation has enjoyed a fruitful and long-lasting partnership with Univision and its local affiliate WXTV-Channel 41, which has been an invaluable partner on a wide range of public education and community assistance efforts. A key to the success of our partnership with Univision has been the involvement of key senior leaders of the corporation in a variety of community assistance programs.

Our collaborations with Univision and its affiliate WXTV-Channel 41 have been many, including a multi-year project to promote giving and volunteerism among Latinos, annual voter education and registration campaigns, and several public awareness efforts following natural disasters here and in Latin America. These partnerships have enabled us to register more than 45,000 people to vote in the last two years alone and raised million of dollars for victims of September 11, Flight 587, El Salvador's earthquake, and other disasters.

I am surprised and concerned about the level of scrutiny being directed at the proposed merger when similar mergers in the past have received very little attention from regulators. This inconsistency troubles me given that the merger involves Univision, a highly respected Spanish-language media company.

We look forward to future partnerships with Univision and I am grateful for their vision, generosity, and commitment to the Hispanic community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lorraine Cortés-Vázquez', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Lorraine Cortés-Vázquez  
President