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Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing on behalf of the North Carolina Hispanic community to ask that the FCC postpone a vote on the merger of Univision and HBC until Hispanic Americans have had an opportunity hear about and speak on this important issue.

The North Carolina Hispanic community would like to address the FCC on the following issues:

1. The present extreme consolidation of Spanish language television, which has put well over 80 percent of programming under the control of one company.
2. The FCC's June 2nd ownership rules for English language media, the process involved in developing those rules, and how the current consolidated Spanish language market compares to the newly-set English language ownership limits.
3. Pending proposals before the FCC that would increase consolidation in the Spanish language market.
4. The lack of Hispanic ownership of media in the United States today.
5. Pending proposals and your ideas for increasing opportunities of Hispanic ownership of media.

If you are willing to grant a hearing, please notify Mr. John Herrera, President of the Latino Community Credit Union and Vice President of Self-Help, P. O .Box 3619, Durham, NC 27702-3619, telephone: 919.956.4400; fax: 919. 956.4606.

Thanking you for your attention to this matter, I am

Sincerely yours,

Eric Reeves

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