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Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W., Room 8-B201
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

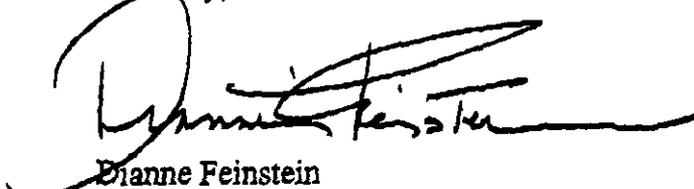
As you are undoubtedly aware, currently pending before the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") is an application for the merger of Univision Communications Inc. and Hispanic Broadcasting Corporation. As I understand it, the application was filed over one year ago and the Commission has yet to issue a decision.

In 2000, the FCC implemented a 180-day merger timetable "to ensure that even the most complex transactions are processed in 180 days. . . ." While a slight extension of the 180-day period may be understandable and reasonable in some cases, I am quite concerned that this merger review has now taken twice as long with no end in sight.

As I am sure you are aware, this potential merger raises many questions and has garnered a great deal of interest, on both sides. I do not have a position one way or the other on whether this merger should be approved, but I do know that it is difficult for businesses to plan for the future during a review process like this one. The public interest requires prompt performance of the FCC's duties.

Accordingly, I urge you and your fellow Commissioners to complete the processing of the application and issue your decision promptly, thereby avoiding further delay and the adverse impact such delay can have on the parties, their employees, and the public.

Sincerely,


Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

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