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Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
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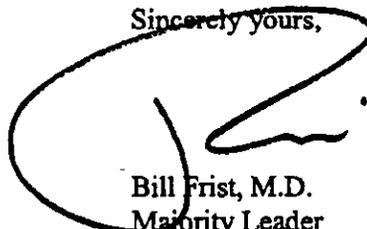
Dear Chairman Powell:

The Federal Communications Commission currently has before it an application seeking consent to a merger between Univision Communications, Inc. ("Univision") and Hispanic Broadcasting Corporation ("HBC"). It has come to my attention that several members of Congress have explicitly attempted to politicize the Commission's consideration of the merits of this transaction.

Beyond the fact that the ethnicity and political leanings of the shareholders in a media company are in no way relevant to whether a proposed transaction is in the public interest, efforts to politicize this proceeding are an inappropriate attempt to distract the Commission from its statutory duty to promptly approve applications that comply with the FCC's rules and promote the public interest. Attempts by my colleagues to use the Commission to achieve a perceived political advantage are the very reason that the FCC was created as an independent agency.

I trust that in completing your review of the proposed Univision/HBC merger, you would reject attempts at distracting the Commission from its mission of approving those transactions that serve the public interest.

Sincerely yours,



Bill Frist, M.D.
Majority Leader
United States Senate

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