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The Honorable Michael Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, Southwest
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

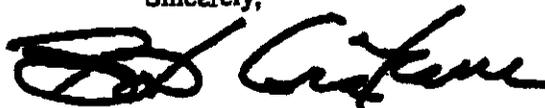
As the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) deliberates on the proposed merger between Hispanic Broadcasting Corporation (HBC) and Univision, I wish to express my concern about the potential decline in minority media ownership in the United States if the merger is approved.

I believe that consumers are best served by a diverse and competitive media market, and am concerned that the proposed merger between HBC and Univision would lead to more consolidation and a decline in minority ownership. Hispanics are now the nation's largest and fastest growing minority, accounting for 14 percent of the United States population; however, they are grossly underrepresented when it comes to media ownership.

The FCC should carefully consider the impact this merger would have on competition as well as the potential benefits or harm to the public interest and Hispanic-owned media. I hope that the FCC will further explore how such significant consolidation within the Spanish-language market could impact the nation's Hispanic community and the growing Spanish-language news and entertainment industry. I respectfully request that you carefully conduct a complete and thorough review of all relevant material before making a decision.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,



United States Senator

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