

## DECLARATION

RE: MB Docket No. 13-203 ABC television affiliate WJLA-TV, Washington DC

My name is Theresa "Tee" Thompson. I am an international and national woman, STEM, minority and small business owner advocate. I am a viewer of WJLA-TV, which is owned by Allbritton Communications Co. ("Allbritton").

I have reviewed and do not support the Rainbow PUSH Coalition's ("RPC") "Petition to Deny and for Other Relief" ("Petition to Deny") directed at the pending application to transfer control of Allbritton Communications Co., to Sinclair Television Group, Inc. ("Sinclair"). The facts stated in this document are true to my personal knowledge except where identified as having been based on industry publications or material on file with the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC").

I would be severely aggrieved if the Petition to Deny is granted, since there has been downward trending from 2009 until today, of less than one percent of the nation's 1,348 full powered television stations owned by minority firms. It is unfortunate that more efforts to institute policies to stimulate targeted engagement for minority owned television stations have been limited with the FCC. In the 1990s, the FCC's media ownership rules were hassle-free, permitting combinations of two television stations in the same market. More recently, through 'shared services agreements' and further subterfuges, a single establishment can essentially control multiple TV stations in the identical market. Even though there are exceptions, most of these are anticompetitive and lessened diversity inclusion. Coincidentally, an emerging or new entrant has limited capacity securing financing to compete against such collaboration.

In fact, it appears the FCC may have ignored over 70 proposals to restore minority media and telecom ownership opportunity. Sinclair, will be an initiator in the stimulation of a constructive collaboration with diversity enclosure by including the media consummate and minority business owner Armstrong Williams in the framework of their transaction. Mr. Williams is a Washington DC, minority media consummate with extensive industry experience spanning over 30 years as both a media entrepreneur and content provider. He currently provides his "Armstrong Williams Show," a public affairs and entrepreneurship program, for a Sunday/Saturday weekend prime time national distribution through Sinclair for the past five years. Williams is not a media personality that I predictably agree with yet, I am advocating for his small business right to bridge healthy job creation with the Sinclair agreement. Thereby, Sinclair's agreement is a stellar representation of both the "freedom of expression" and "freedom of minority television ownership".

In sum, the FCC has certain freedoms for implementing and executing the mission accompanied with the current strategies. The FCC recognizes it's deficiency with minority ownership of television stations – to date it has five minority owners. The beauty of the United States governmental agencies is it does not pick and choose

which types of freedom it wants to defend. They must defend all of them or be against all of it. The FCC has failed miserably to cure minority exclusion in an industry whose backbone remains as public property is unconscionable, renovation should be the agency's top priority, and not granting the Petition to Deny is first steps toward offsetting the minority exclusion.

This statement is true to my personal knowledge and is made under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America.

Respectfully submitted by:

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_

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