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**Tom Wheeler, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
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Re: Black Television News Channel DBS Public Interest Space Support Letter

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

It is an honor to write you in reference to the Black Television News Channel. America is made up of many voices, that's what make this country strong. Voices free to express opinions and commentary on every subject from religion to politics. The more diverse the voices, the stronger we become.

It is with that thought in mind that I implore the Commission to approve BTNC's application to temporarily occupy the Direct Broadcast Satellite Public Interest Space.

BTNC is seeking to become the nation's first 24-hour cable news channel dedicated to the African American community thus adding to the diversity voices in America. Black media is struggling to survive in today's economy yet BTNC is committed not to let these voices be silenced. And it's not just the journalism; it also the economy.

As Black media shrinks, jobs are lost and so are the dreams of many African American journalism students. BTNC will serve as a launching pad for many of these students while adding millions of dollars to the general economy, a win-win for all.

I urge you to give serious consideration to this project and approve BTNC's request.

Sincerely,



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