

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

March 28, 2025

The Honorable Brendan Carr
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
45 L St. NE
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Carr:

We write to you today to encourage the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to modernize outdated ownership rules that hinder broadcasters nationwide.

Existing broadcast ownership regulations do not reflect today's competitive media landscape. These rules originated in the 1940s – before cable television became ubiquitous and long before the emergence of digital platforms that now dominate the media and entertainment industries. While the FCC has made incremental adjustments over the decades, the fundamental ownership restrictions have remained largely unchanged since the 1990s, imposing undue constraints on broadcasters' ability to innovate and invest in local content.

These regulations are a relic of an era when broadcasters were the only electronic media. Today, any one of the largest Big Tech platforms dwarfs the entire broadcast industry – yet they are held to no similar limitations on their reach. This imbalance places broadcasters at a severe disadvantage in competing for advertising dollars and audience engagement.

Across the political spectrum, Americans trust their local news more than any other source. Broadcasters play an indispensable role in holding government accountable, fostering civic engagement, and ensuring public safety awareness – often early on the scene in a crisis and last to leave. They do all this while restrictive ownership rules continue to deny them the ability to obtain the vital investment necessary to sustain and expand local coverage.

At a time when newspapers are battling to survive, broadcasters' local engagement is more important than ever. When broadcasters cannot combine or expand operations, they struggle to maintain sufficient newsroom staff and invest in journalism. This increasing lack of access to local information leaves communities vulnerable to misinformation from unverified sources on social media.

Reforming outdated ownership rules is essential to ensuring that broadcasters remain viable, competitive, and capable of fulfilling their essential role in American democracy. By modernizing these regulations, the FCC can empower broadcasters to better serve their

communities, promote local journalism, and compete in the modern media marketplace. Updating these rules is not just an urgent economic necessity, it is a public service imperative.

We appreciate your attention to this issue and urge the FCC to act swiftly in eliminating antiquated ownership restrictions and to embrace a broadcast regulatory framework that reflects the realities of today's dynamic media ecosystem.

Sincerely,



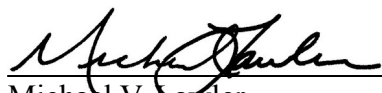
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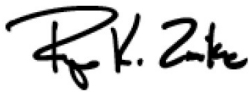
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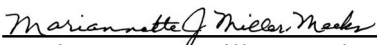
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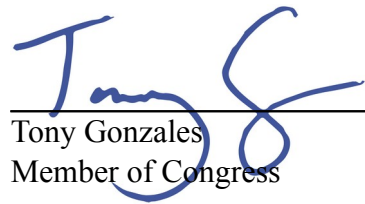
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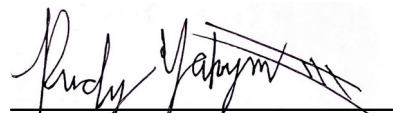
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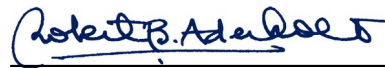
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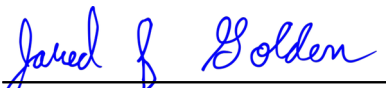
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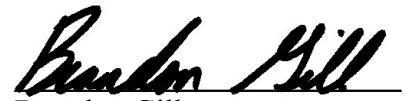
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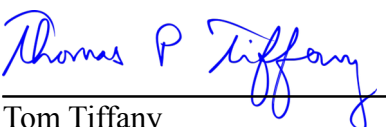
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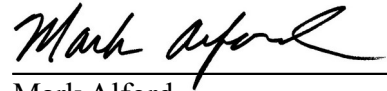
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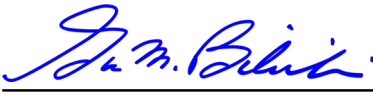
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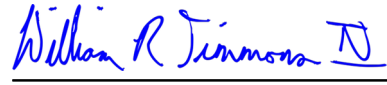
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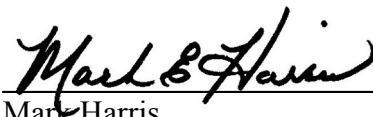
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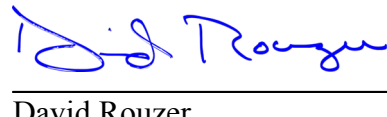
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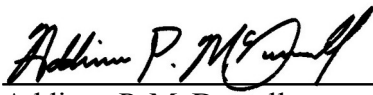
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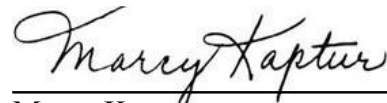
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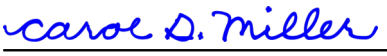
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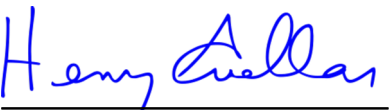

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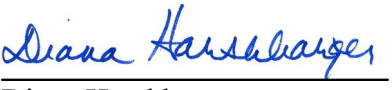

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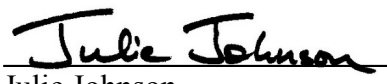

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