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STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER KATHLEEN Q. ABERNATHY SUPPORTING LOCALISM INITIATIVE

I applaud Chairman Powell for taking positive and substantive steps to ensure that broadcasters continue to further the goal of localism in their communities. Regardless of who owns a station – a local “mom and pop” or a large media company – each licensee has an obligation to serve its local community. Recently, concerns have been raised about whether certain practices do indeed serve local interests, and whether the Commission can do more to promote localism in television and radio. Thus, I am pleased that the Commission will consider whether changes in our rules, consistent with First Amendment principles, are appropriate and needed. I look forward to working with the Localism Task Force, my colleagues, public interest groups, and the industry to see how we can together advance this important goal.

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