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STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER MIGNON L. CLYBURN ON THE THIRD CIRCUIT'S DECISION TO VACATE THE 2008 DIVERSITY ORDER

"Today's decision from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit to vacate and remand the Commission's 2008 Diversity Order, because it did not take sufficient steps to increase participation in the broadcasting industry by new entrants and small businesses, including minority and women-owned businesses, sends the important message that ownership diversity remains an important aspect of the overall media ownership regulatory framework. As the Court noted, the current Commission has taken steps towards gathering updated studies on ownership diversity as part of its 2010 Quadrennial Review proceeding. I hope this Court decision will serve to encourage all of us at the Commission to take a laser like focus on the necessary and long awaited need for robust ownership studies and thoughtful recommendations to advance diverse voices in America's media market place."

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