

**REMARKS OF
COMMISSIONER JESSICA ROSENWORCEL
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Thank you, Sylvia Strobel, for that kind introduction. Thank you also to the Alliance for Women in Media for the good and important work you do.

It is terrific to be here and exciting to be honored this morning at the Women Who Represent Awards. Women Who Represent—I like the sound of that. But you know what I like even better? Women who rule. So it is a special treat to be honored this morning along with Mignon Clyburn, who until very recently served as the Acting Chairwoman of the Federal Communications Commission. Her rule was brief—and productive. And I am grateful to call her both a colleague and a friend.

But when it comes to women who represent and women who rule—our numbers on the technical side of communications and media are simply too few. Day-in and day-out in my job here in Washington and on the road, I can't help but be reminded. But our new economy is built on communications technology. In fact, science, technology, engineering, and math are the fastest growing fields in the economy. There are three times as many job opportunities in STEM fields than in any other field. Yet the Bureau of Labor Statistics tells us that while women hold half of the jobs in this country, they hold less than a quarter of all jobs in STEM fields.

We need to close that gap. It's a matter of equity. It's an economic imperative. It's the right thing to do. And I think the fierce group of women here are going to play a role in doing just that—because they can both represent and rule.

Thank you.