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**COMMISSIONER CLYBURN STATEMENT
ON INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION TO ENHANCE BROADCAST OWNERSHIP DIVERSITY**

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WASHINGTON, April 5, 2017 – “Congressman G.K. Butterfield has hit the nail on the head when it comes to proposing solutions for a more inclusive media landscape. I heartily support and applaud his introduction of the [*Expanding Broadcast Ownership Opportunities Act*](https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/1883)(H.R. 1883).”

“Reinstating a tax certificate program and establishing a pilot incubator program are two of the proposals our office outlined in the recently released #Solutions2020 Call to Action Plan. Transforming the dismal reality of the present ownership landscape, into a future that offers abundant opportunities for women and minorities will not be an easy task. Congressman Butterfield’s legislation is an important step towards greater broadcast ownership diversity and I look forward to working with him and all interested Members of Congress in pursuit of this shared goal.”

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