August 10, 2020

The Honorable Nydia M. Velazquez
U.S. House of Representatives
2302 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Velazquez:

Thank you for your letter regarding the television program “La Comey” carried on a television station in Puerto Rico. Absent limited circumstances related to obscene, indecent, or profane programming, the First Amendment and section 326 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, provide broadcast licensees with the discretion to determine what content to air on their stations, even if that programming could be objectionable to some viewers. As such, the Commission is generally prohibited from censoring content or dictating to licensees what the stations can or cannot air.

Viewers always have the option to express their concerns directly with the licensee that airs the programming. If you would like more information, please refer to the Commission’s “The Public and Broadcasting” manual (https://www.fcc.gov/sites/default/files/public-and-broadcasting.pdf).

Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Ajit V. Pai