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**COMMISSIONER STARKS ISSUES STATEMENT  
ON FCC V. PROMETHEUS RADIO PROJECT DECISION**

WASHINGTON, April 2, 2021 — Commissioner Starks has issued the following statement in response to the Supreme Court’s decision affirming FCC deference in regulating media ownership:

“The Supreme Court spoke clearly, coming out strongly in favor of agency deference under the Administrative Procedure Act. We can now move forward confidently to address media ownership in future Quadrennial Reviews in a manner that is data-driven and otherwise fully consistent with our duty to promote and ensure competition, localism, and diversity in the public interest. And to be clear, nothing in the Court’s holding upsets our long-established ruling that media ownership decisions must take into account how diversity will be affected.”

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