



FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE
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December 17, 2021

The Honorable Jim McGovern
U.S. House of Representatives
370 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative McGovern:

Thank you for your letter regarding the complaint filed by Safeguard Defenders against China Global Television Network and China Central Television Four. The Commission's Enforcement Bureau reviews complaints to determine if further investigation is warranted and will take appropriate action if a violation is found. I can confirm that the Commission has received the complaint you reference in your letter. However, pursuant to long-standing Commission policy, I cannot disclose any additional information regarding the disposition of those complaints at this time.

The Commission takes seriously foreign state-owned media entities operating in the United States. As you know, foreign governments and their representatives are restricted from holding a broadcast license under Section 310(a) of the Communications Act. Yet these entities can enter into a contract to provide programming to a radio or television station. Earlier this year, the Commission unanimously adopted an Order requiring public disclosures when registered agents of foreign governmental entities lease time to broadcast content on airwaves in the United States. This requirement is being challenged in court by broadcast interests, and the Commission will file its brief defending the Order in January. I am committed to such transparency, and believe the public has a right to know the identity of those who solicit their attention.

I hope this is helpful. Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

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