

Congress of the United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

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Chairwoman Rosenworcel Federal Communications Commission 45 L Street, NE Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairwoman Rosenworcel,

We, members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, write regarding the Latino Media Network's (LMN) applications (0000194661, 0000194638, 0000194656) to acquire 18 radio stations from TelevisaUnivision.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) plays a critical role in protecting public access to information and has a statutory mandate to promote media diversity. For Latino communities, particularly for Spanish dominant listeners, radio has served as a trusted source of culturally competent information.

There are 62 million people who identify as Hispanic and Latino in the United States, which is 18% of the population. And yet, a Nielsen report from February of 2022 on Diverse Owned Media¹ reported that just 5% of all audiences are reached by Hispanic-owned radio. The FCC's own numbers show that Hispanics have a majority ownership interest in just 6.1% of AM radio and just 4.1% of FM radio.

The need for diverse and reliable radio programming for Spanish speaking listeners remains high. Many Latinos look to Spanish language radio for in-language and community focused content. LMN is a media company with a vision to create cultural pride for Latinos by inspiring and celebrating our community – our language, our leaders, our stories, our concerns, and our possibilities. It is our belief that this sale will meet that goal by increasing diversity in ownership. We also believe this sale to be in the public interest because it will increase ownership diversity and enhance culturally relevant programming to Spanish-speaking listeners.

 $^{^1\,}https://www.nielsen.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2022/02/Diverse-Owned-Media-Feb-2022.pdf$

Simply put, we believe that introducing a new set of Latino actors and owners in these marketplaces through this transaction will help to ensure that Latino consumers are provided with an increasingly diverse set of listening options.

Thank you for your full and fair consideration, consistent with all applicable laws and regulations, to this matter.

CC:

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