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**CHAIRWOMAN ROSENWORCEL SHARES PROPOSAL TO SUPPORT
LOCAL JOURNALISM**

***Proposal Would Prioritize License Application Review for Broadcasters that Provide
Locally Originated Programming***

WASHINGTON, November 14, 2023—Today, Federal Communications Commission Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel announced a proposal that, if adopted, would begin a proceeding to advance the Commission’s longstanding policy goal of supporting local journalism and broadcasters’ commitment to meet the needs and interests of local communities. This proposal explores incentivizing the production of local programming by prioritizing the processing and review of applications from broadcast stations that invest in and prioritize local programming in communities across the country.

“There’s something special about when you hear a local voice on the airwaves or see a familiar face on your television set in the evening. Over time we’ve come to trust those voices and they provide an important service to these communities,” **said Chairwoman Rosenworcel**. “We want to recognize that dedication when it comes time for license renewals and transactions and this proposal does just that.”

The Chairwoman circulated the proposal, as summarized:

- *A Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* to support local journalism that proposes to prioritize processing the review of applications for license renewal or for assignment or transfer of license filed by radio and television broadcast stations that provide locally originated programming.

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