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GOMEZ ON SHAM “INVESTIGATION” AGAINST THE VIEW

WASHINGTON—FCC Commissioner Anna M. Gomez issued the following statement after a report that the FCC plans to launch an “investigation” against ABC’s *The View*:

“Let’s be clear on what this is. This is government intimidation, not a legitimate investigation. Like many other so-called ‘investigations’ before it, the FCC will announce an investigation but never carry one out, reach a conclusion, or take any meaningful action.

“The real purpose is to weaponize the FCC’s regulatory authority to intimidate perceived critics of this Administration and chill protected speech. That is not how a free society operates.

“The First Amendment protects the right of daytime and late-night programs to cover newsworthy issues and express viewpoints without government interference. I urge broadcasters and their parent networks to stand strong against these unfounded attacks and continue exercising their constitutional rights without fear or favor.”

For more information on the FCC’s equal time rules, click [here](#).

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