

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER JESSICA ROSENWORCEL**

Re: *Review of Foreign Ownership Policies for Broadcast, Common Carrier and Aeronautical Radio Licensees under Section 310(b)(4) of the Communications Act of 1934, as Amended*, GN Docket No. 15-236, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (October 22, 2015)

Like so many other segments of the communications industry, broadcasters are facing an increasingly complex, multi-platform future. But unlike other segments of the communications industry, broadcasters have faced special funding constraints—and these constraints hinder their ability to seek investment on a global scale.

In a world where networks connect us across the globe, and content knows no national borders, it is time to fix these constraints. So today we start a rulemaking to establish clear-cut, understandable rules for foreign investment in our nation’s broadcast stations. I am confident that under current law we can simplify the foreign ownership approval process for broadcast licensees—and I believe we can do so without compromising national security objectives.

I look forward to the record that develops and thank the Media Bureau and International Bureau for their efforts.