STATEMENT OF CHAIRWOMAN JESSICA ROSENWORCEL

Re: Sponsorship Identification Requirements for Foreign Government-Provided Programming, Second Report and Order, MB Docket No. 20-299.

The principle that the public has a right to know the identity of those who use the public airwaves is a long-standing tenet of broadcasting. Today we clarify our rules for broadcasters by establishing a process to inform consumers when what they hear or see over the air has been provided by a foreign government. Our action today is about supporting transparency and democratic values. For instance, if a foreign government (like the Chinese government) pays to broadcast programming or campaign advertising, a disclosure is required at the time it is aired (simply saying it is from the Chinese government). As listeners, viewers, and citizens this is something we are entitled to know.