STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER OLIVIA TRUSTY

Re: 2022 Quadrennial Regulatory Review – Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, MB Docket No. 22-459 (September 30, 2025)

When Congress passed the Telecommunications Act, it recognized that competition could fundamentally reshape the audio and video media marketplace. To account for shifts in competition, the Act directs the Commission to revisit its public interest evaluation of key radio and television ownership rules every four years, relaxing them as needed.

Although the 2026 review is fast approaching, to be consistent with our statutory obligations, it is important that we move forward with this NPRM for the 2022 review. The marketplace has been changing rapidly, driven by technological innovation and evolving consumers preferences. The growth of digital competition has brought new opportunities for consumers to benefit from more personalized viewing options. But it also requires us to carefully reassess whether our rules reflect today's realities and allow broadcasters to compete effectively in this dynamic environment. The 2022 Quadrennial Review NPRM provides the Commission with a timely opportunity to do just that.

Guided by the law and the record, I look forward to ensuring that our media ownership rules are appropriately modernized to reflect the current marketplace. And I remain committed to ensuring that broadcasters advance the public interest as Congress required in the Communications Act.

I thank the Media Bureau for its excellent work on this item.