

**From:** [Brendan Carr](#)  
**To:** [Shepardson, David \(Reuters\)](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL]: do you want to comment?  
**Date:** Thursday, March 20, 2025 12:41:00 PM

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I reached out to the press office

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**Cc:** [Greg Watson](#); [Adam Jackman](#); [Will Wiquist](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Press Inquiries for 03/20 p.m.  
**Date:** Thursday, March 20, 2025 5:28:48 PM

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Here's what I said to Reuters so you can give this to anyone that asks:

"With respect to their request that the FCC immediately dismiss the complaint against CBS, my answer is simple: no. The FCC's review of the complaint against CBS remains active and ongoing."

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**Subject:** Press Inquiries for 03/20 p.m.

### **Request to Dismiss CBS/60 Minutes Complaint**

Policyband (Ted Hearn - [tedhearn@gmail.com](mailto:tedhearn@gmail.com))

Inquiry: Can you confirm that Chairman Carr said this to Reuters: Carr said in an email to Reuters he was rejecting the groups' request to immediately dismiss the complaint against CBS. "The FCC's review of the complaint against CBS remains active and ongoing," he said.

[https://www.schwab.wallst.com/research/public/news/viewStory?YYY20\\_ty9M1HpQ1xXV65C2VWvp392bGOPQEwemBi/V8kgG+KN26px85OwpybUSh99/opV64HOCK9w5J81NFm6EQY2Nbc72XvB4M6zVgKzoOfQvWyW54eIEt3JAvQ==&a=1](https://www.schwab.wallst.com/research/public/news/viewStory?YYY20_ty9M1HpQ1xXV65C2VWvp392bGOPQEwemBi/V8kgG+KN26px85OwpybUSh99/opV64HOCK9w5J81NFm6EQY2Nbc72XvB4M6zVgKzoOfQvWyW54eIEt3JAvQ==&a=1)

New York Sun (Bradley Cortright-[bradley.cortright@nysun.com](mailto:bradley.cortright@nysun.com)) -Deadline of 4 p.m. today.

Inquiry: I'm writing with The New York Sun about the coalition of center-right groups asking the FCC to end its news distortion investigation of CBS due to concerns the commission could be weaponized against conservatives in the future. I just wanted to see if the FCC had any comment on the letter.

OMR Rec: (b) (5) .

### **Skydance-Paramount**

Bloomberg (Kelcey Griffis -[kgriffis4@bloomberg.net](mailto:kgriffis4@bloomberg.net))

Inquiry: Just checking in on the Skydance-Paramount deal approval timing. I see that the shot clock says it has 55 days left, after which the FCC could make a decision at any time. Is that correct? The shot clock could also be paused at any time -- right? I'm just trying to get a sense of when we can expect a decision on the deal. Mid- to late Q2? Any guidance would be super helpful for our planning purposes.

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**Cc:** [Greg Watson](#); [Adam Jackman](#); [Will Wiquist](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Press Inquiries for 03/21 a.m.  
**Date:** Friday, March 21, 2025 12:29:00 PM

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Yep. Send comm daily the quote

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**Subject:** Press Inquiries for 03/21 a.m.

### **Conservative Groups Letter**

Communications Daily (Monty Tayloe – [mtayloe@warren-news.com](mailto:mtayloe@warren-news.com))

Inquiry: I've seen a quote from the Chairman in a couple news sources where he responds to the filing the other day from the conservative groups and says he's not going to back off the news distortion investigation. Can you send that to me or confirm he said it?

OMR Rec: Per your guidance yesterday, we can send him the statement you provided to Reuters.

### **DEI Rollbacks**

Bloomberg (Kelcee Griffis – [kgriffis4@bloomberg.net](mailto:kgriffis4@bloomberg.net))

Inquiry: Can you confirm the FCC is working with Robby Starbuck on DEI rollbacks? Fox reports he'll be acting in an unpaid adviser role. Any info would be appreciated.

OMR Rec: (b) (5)

**From:** [Brendan Carr](#)  
**To:** [Matthew Mittelstaedt](#)  
**Cc:** [Greg Watson](#); [Erin Boone](#); [Patrick Webre](#); [Anthony Patrone](#)  
**Subject:** Re: [Congressional Letter]: Draft Blumenthal Response  
**Date:** Saturday, March 22, 2025 5:58:26 PM  
**Attachments:** [250321 BC Blumenthal Letter Response 1022a-BC.docx](#)

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Thanks all. Here are some edits and changes (in clean) from me.

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All best,  
Matt

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**From:** [Brendan Carr](#)  
**To:** [Katie Gorscak](#); [Will Wiquist](#); [Adam Jackman](#); [Callie Coker](#); [Greg Watson](#)  
**Subject:** Presser Prep/Meeting Script  
**Attachments:** [2025-03 Open Meeting Press Prep toChairman.docx](#)

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**Subject:** RE: [Congressional Letter]: Draft Blumenthal Response  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 25, 2025 5:37:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [250325 BC Blumenthal Letter Response \(Clean\)-BC.docx](#)

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- Brendan

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**Date:** Wednesday, March 26, 2025 11:18:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [250326 BC Blumenthal Letter Response-BC.docx](#)

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Thanks. I'm signed off on the attached. Made one minor word change in clean. Makes sure it stays on four pages. I assume we will ship this off later today ?

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**Subject:** RE: Press Inquiries for 03/27 a.m.  
**Date:** Thursday, March 27, 2025 1:15:00 PM

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Good to go on both your 3:00pm notes. Feel free to send those now.

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**From:** Katie Gorscak <Katie.Gorscak@fcc.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 27, 2025 12:23 PM  
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### **Disney Letter**

The Wrap (Lucas Manfredi- [lucas.manfredi@thewrap.com](mailto:lucas.manfredi@thewrap.com))

Inquiry: I hope everything is going well! I saw this reporting that the FCC plans to send a letter to Disney regarding an investigation into its DEI policies and was just curious if you could share any additional details or a copy of the letter once its available. Thanks!

CNBC (Lillian Rizzo - [Lillian.rizzo@nbcuni.com](mailto:Lillian.rizzo@nbcuni.com))

Inquiry: I saw a news article that the FCC has launched an investigation into Disney's DEI practices. I wanted to see if the letter was publicly available, and whether the FCC had any comment or statement.

OMR Rec: (b) (5)

### **CBS Investigation**

Fox News (Charles Gasparino-[charles.gasparino@fox.com](mailto:charles.gasparino@fox.com))

Inquiry: I'm doing a story on chairman Carr's latest comments on the CBS investigation. I can be reached at 917 359 5025

Politico (Gabrielle Miller -[gmillier@politico.com](mailto:gmillier@politico.com))

Inquiry: I'm a tech reporter at Politico and we are writing about [the bipartisan comments](#) from 5 former FCC commissioners submitted today rebuking the 60 Minutes CBS news distortion complaint. Have you seen this? And would your office be willing to provide Politico with a comment?

OMR Rec: (b) (5)

**Super Bowl Complaints**

USA Today (Anna Kaufman- [AKaufman@usatoday.com](mailto:AKaufman@usatoday.com))

Inquiry: My name is Anna Kaufman and I am reaching out from USA TODAY because we are seeing reports that Kenrick Lamar's Super Bowl halftime show received over 120 complaints through your office. Are you able to confirm this on the record? Additionally, if you are able to share a copy of the report with us to aid in the accuracy of our reporting please do so. Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

OMR Rec: (b) (5)

**Interview Request for Chairman Carr: Piers Morgan – second request**

Piers Morgan Uncensored (Kieron Mirchandani-Cooper - [kieron.mc@news.co.uk](mailto:kieron.mc@news.co.uk))

Inquiry: I'm reaching out to see whether Secretary Brendan Carr would be interested in joining Piers for an interview to talk about the work he's doing at the FCC? As you may know, Piers has been a big supporter of President Trump's agenda, and I know our viewers would be interested in hearing his perspective on the issues at hand. Here at Piers Morgan Uncensored, we're excited to be able to offer guests the opportunity to appear on a show that reaches a highly valuable audience of younger viewers across the world.

- We have more than 3.7 million YouTube subscribers
- Over 1 billion views across all social platforms
- 400 million+ YouTube views in 2024
- Fastest-growing broadcast YouTube channel in the world.
- 59% of our audience is aged between 18-44.
- 35 million+ likes on TikTok.

We're really proud of these stats and I know an interview with Piers will be sure to reach a large audience.

OMR Rec: (b) (5)

**NPRM from Today's Meeting**

Aviation International News (Gordon Gilbert – [flyboy@2711@comcast.net](mailto:flyboy@2711@comcast.net))

Inquiry: Regarding WT Docket No. 25-110, is there an NPRM or more background info link that you can send me? All I can find are the press release and today's meeting announcement. Thank you.

OMR Rec: (b) (5)



**From:** [Brendan Carr](#)  
**To:** [Katie Gorscak](#)  
**Cc:** [Greg Watson](#); [Adam Jackman](#); [Will Wiquist](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Press inquiries for 04/01 a.m.  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 1, 2025 1:42:00 PM

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## 2. I'm good with the draft response on social media political ads

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**From:** Katie Gorscak <Katie.Gorscak@fcc.gov>  
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### **Media Ownership Letter**

Law360 (Christopher Cole – [Christopher.cole@law360.com](mailto:Christopher.cole@law360.com))

Good morning, does the FCC wish to comment on the issues in this House letter concerning media ownership rules? (see attached)

OMR Rec: (b) (5)

### **Political Ads & Social Media**

Hawaii News Now (Eddie Dowd - [Edward.Dowd@hawaiinewsnow.com](mailto:Edward.Dowd@hawaiinewsnow.com))

My name is Eddie Dowd with the CBS/NBC affiliate in Honolulu, Hawaii. I had a question regarding the running of ads on social media. I saw on the FCC website that political ads need to be documented and reported to the FCC but I was wondering if there were any requirements for regular ads that are posted on a social media platform. For example, does a business/creator need to report to the FCC any ads it was paid to post by maybe another business . Or does the FCC require a disclosure of some sorts if it is a paid promotion when it's on social media (not TV)

OMR Rec: Proposed response on background - "The FCC's rules governing political advertising do not extend to social media. However, platforms may have their own sets of rules." Note that we have cleared this with Erin and the Bureau and unless we hear otherwise, will plan to respond back to the reporter by 4 p.m. today.

### **FCC and Union**

Politico (Nick Niedzwiadek - [nniedzwiadek@politico.com](mailto:nniedzwiadek@politico.com))

Has the FCC halted union due collection in conjunction with the executive order signed by President Trump last week? And are there any other actions the agency has

taken to carry out that EO to date?

OMR Rec: (b) (5)

### **Regulations re: Deorbiting Satellites in LEO**

Bloomberg News (Sana Pashankar - [spashankar@bloomberg.net](mailto:spashankar@bloomberg.net))

My name is Sana Pashankar, and I am a space reporter at Bloomberg News. I wanted to learn more about the specific regulations around deorbiting satellites in LEO for a story I am working on regarding the environmental impacts of satellite reentry on the atmosphere. I was hoping we could set up a time to speak on this this week if possible. Also does the FCC recommend or require that satellites in LEO deorbit specifically through atmospheric reentry (not by going up into a graveyard orbit? And is that recommendation or requirement (please specify which it may be) part of this provisional rule change adopted in Spet 29, 2022:

<https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-22-74A1.pdf> ?

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### **NAB Show**

Communications Daily (Monty Tayloe – [mtayloe@warren-news.com](mailto:mtayloe@warren-news.com))

I'm writing something about the NAB show, and I've been told that Chairman Carr is not going to attend the event because he has a conflict. Can you confirm? Also can you tell me if any other FCC commissioners or staff are going to the show? And who?

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**From:** [Brendan Carr](#)  
**To:** [Arpan Sura](#)  
**Subject:** meeting item: Foreign Ownership  
**Date:** Friday, April 4, 2025 10:44:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [CLAS No. XXXX. Review of Section 310\(b\)\(4\) Foreign Ownership Rules. 03.31-BC.docx](#)

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Minor line edits to the opening paragraph. Otherwise, I'm signed off.

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**Subject:** RE: Press Inquiries  
**Date:** Friday, April 4, 2025 12:13:00 PM

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I'm good with the OMR recommendations here

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**Subject:** Press Inquiries

Below please find the only inquiry we've receive today and a possible response to an inquiry received yesterday.

### AWS-3

IJGlobal (James Bremner [james.bremner@ijglobal.com](mailto:james.bremner@ijglobal.com))

I'm a reporter at IJGlobal in London (infra/energy publication) and I had a brief question regarding the AWS-3 auction the FCC is currently working on, just to make sure I'm understanding things right. Is it correct that the FCC's power to auction spectrum rights lapsed in 2023, but for this current auction it's been re-authorized by congress to auction 5G frequencies to help fund the reimbursement program removing equipment from certain manufacturers?

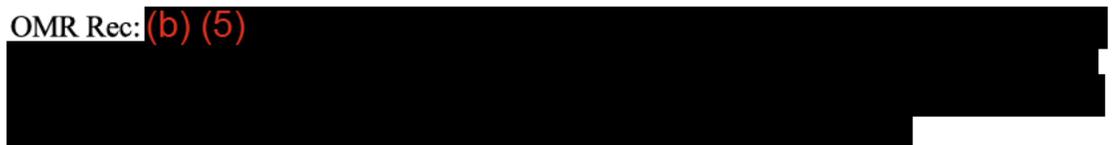
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### Nevada TV - Follow-up from Yesterday

NBC in Reno had asked: "I'm working on a story about television service/signals in eastern Nevada. I was told the FCC only allows Salt Lake City affiliates to broadcast to Ely, Nevada. Many residents there would like to get (Reno) Nevada news. Is there something that prevents this from happening?"

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**From:** [Brendan Carr](#)  
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**Subject:** RE: CBS Transaction  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 22, 2025 11:53:00 AM

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## I would reach out to the two Matts

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Will do.

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**Subject:** CBS Transaction

Two quick things on this one.

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From: Brenda Carr
To: Greg Wilentz, Brendan Carr
Subject: Milken 14 event

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I look forward to hearing from you.

Monday, May 5, 2025

2:30 PM - 2:55 PM / Part 1: A Fireside Conversation with FCC Chairman Brenda Carr

2:50 PM - 3:30 PM / Part 2: The Future of Venture Capital, AI, IPOs, and Tech Investment

Being internet only, we encourage visitors to bring their own devices, including laptops to refresh their thinking approaches. In various case, prioritize sustainable growth over rapid expansion. Building how capital is deployed across sectors, not just stage strategies. AI-Driven AI movements are fueling investment in health care, energy, and tech, with health, digital health, and content platforms attracting significant attention. Tech companies must explore alternative funding sources like venture debt and strategic partnerships to sustain growth. The evolving financial landscape presents both challenges and opportunities, requiring founders to be more strategic in securing investment. As market conditions shift, companies must adapt to remain competitive. Here will be an investment roundtable for IPO practice in the coming year. (Your strategies can change in health care, energy, and tech when it comes to raising an increasingly "investor market")

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Speakers - Raj Chetty - Co-Founder - The Founder and Co-CEO, B Capital
Speakers - Anne Hinton - Co-Founder - Chairman, WorldQuant Foundry
Speakers - Ed Smeets - Co-Founder - Chief Investment Officer, Artificial Intelligence, AI&X
Speakers - Dana Battie - Co-Founder - Co-Founder and Managing Partner, Greylock
Speakers - Howard Taniguchi - Co-Founder - CEO, General Catalyst

From: Diana Deme
Sent: Thursday, April 17, 2025 2:59 PM
To: Brenda Carr <b.carr@fcc.gov>, greg.wilentz@fcc.gov
Cc: gregory.wilentz@fcc.gov, susan@agencyaffairs.fcc.gov
Subject: Speaker Invited | 2025 Milken Institute Global Conference - May 4-7 in LA

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Attached to the formal invitation - I look forward to hearing from your team to further discuss this opportunity to have you join us in the spring.

Best regards,

Diana

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**From:** [Brendan Carr](#)  
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**Cc:** [Benjamin Arden](#)  
**Subject:** RE: CBS Transaction  
**Date:** Friday, April 25, 2025 4:37:00 PM

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**Sent:** Tuesday, April 22, 2025 11:18 AM  
**To:** Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>  
**Subject:** CBS Transaction

Two quick things on this one.

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- Brendan

**From:** [Brendan Carr](#)  
**To:** [Erin Boone](#)  
**Cc:** [Benjamin Arden](#)  
**Subject:** Re: CBS Transaction  
**Date:** Sunday, April 27, 2025 2:56:45 PM

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- Brendan

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**From:** Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 25, 2025 5:41 PM  
**To:** Brendan Carr <Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov>  
**Cc:** Benjamin Arden <Benjamin.Arden@fcc.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: CBS Transaction

Attached is the issues list I provided in hard copy. We will get back to you in short order on your other two questions.

Thanks,

Erin Boone  
Senior Counsel – Media & Enforcement  
Office of FCC Chairman Brendan Carr  
Acting Chief, Media Bureau  
202-418-0736 | [erin.boone@fcc.gov](mailto:erin.boone@fcc.gov)

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**From:** [Brendan Carr](#)  
**To:** [Matthew Mittelstaedt](#)  
**Cc:** [Greg Watson](#); [Scott Delacourt](#); [Adam Jackman](#); [Anthony Patrone](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [Congressional Letter] Correspondence to Chairman Carr from House Committee on Energy and Commerce Ranking Members  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 29, 2025 1:10:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [250428 EC Dem Response-BC.docx](#)

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Thanks – some minor edits in clean in the attached version. I'm signed off.

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**From:** Matthew Mittelstaedt <Matthew.Mittelstaedt@fcc.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 28, 2025 7:02 PM  
**To:** Brendan Carr <Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov>  
**Cc:** Greg Watson <Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov>; Scott Delacourt <Scott.Delacourt@fcc.gov>; Adam Jackman <Adam.Jackman@fcc.gov>; Anthony Patrone <Anthony.Patrone@fcc.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: [Congressional Letter] Correspondence to Chairman Carr from House Committee on Energy and Commerce Ranking Members

Sir,

Attached in a word document is a draft response to Ranking Members Pallone, Matsui, and Clarke's letter (pdf attached). This updated version incorporates the edits you provided plus a minor change in the last paragraph.

All best,  
Matt

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**From:** Matthew Mittelstaedt  
**Sent:** Monday, March 31, 2025 2:56 PM  
**To:** Brendan Carr <[Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov](mailto:Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov)>; Greg Watson <[Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov](mailto:Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov)>; Scott Delacourt <[Scott.Delacourt@fcc.gov](mailto:Scott.Delacourt@fcc.gov)>  
**Cc:** Erin Boone <[Erin.Boone@fcc.gov](mailto:Erin.Boone@fcc.gov)>; Adam Jackman <[Adam.Jackman@fcc.gov](mailto:Adam.Jackman@fcc.gov)>  
**Subject:** [Congressional Letter] Correspondence to Chairman Carr from House Committee on Energy and Commerce Ranking Members

Sir,

FYSA—Ranking Members Pallone, Matsui, and Clarke have just sent you a letter outlining their concerns with recent FCC actions and requesting documents/written responses to 11 questions. They request response by April 14, 2025.

All best,  
Matt

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**From:** McAuliffe, Will <[Will.McAuliffe@mail.house.gov](mailto:Will.McAuliffe@mail.house.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 31, 2025 2:19 PM  
**To:** Matthew Mittelstaedt <[Matthew.Mittelstaedt@fcc.gov](mailto:Matthew.Mittelstaedt@fcc.gov)>

**Cc:** Desai, Parul <[Parul.Desai@mail.house.gov](mailto:Parul.Desai@mail.house.gov)>; Alethea Lewis <[Alethea.Lewis@fcc.gov](mailto:Alethea.Lewis@fcc.gov)>

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Mr. Mittelstaedt,

Please find attached correspondence to Chairman Carr from House Committee on Energy and Commerce Ranking Member Pallone, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations Ranking Member Clarke, and Subcommittee on Communications and Technology Ranking Member Matsui.

Please confirm receipt at your earliest convenience and let us know if you have any questions.

Best,  
Will

**Will McAuliffe**  
Chief Counsel  
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations  
House Committee on Energy and Commerce Democrats

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**From:** [Brendan Carr](#)  
**To:** [Greg Watson](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Moderator + Hotel - Speaker Invitation | 2025 Milken Institute Global Conference - May 4-7 in LA  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 29, 2025 9:56:00 AM

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Agree. Maybe book there Sunday night and Monday night. I depart on Monday red eye but I will need to be in room during the Monday day until late. I can then separately book a Saturday night hotel.

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**From:** Greg Watson <[Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov](mailto:Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 29, 2025 9:44 AM  
**To:** Brendan Carr <[Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov](mailto:Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: Moderator + Hotel - Speaker Invitation | 2025 Milken Institute Global Conference - May 4-7 in LA

Based on the below and your message earlier, we should just go ahead and book a room at the conference site in LA

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**From:** Dana Howell <[Dana.Howell@fcc.gov](mailto:Dana.Howell@fcc.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 29, 2025 8:58 AM  
**To:** Greg Watson <[Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov](mailto:Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Moderator + Hotel - Speaker Invitation | 2025 Milken Institute Global Conference - May 4-7 in LA

Greg,

Most hotels have sold out and are selling out quickly. Here's what I found:

Beverly Terrace powered by Sonder **\$336.00 nightly Total: \$767**  
469 North Doheny Dr  
**7 mins** from Beverly Hills Hilton

AC hotel Beverly Hills **\$411 nightly Total: \$822**  
6399 Wilshire Blvd.  
**12 mins** from Beverly Hills Hilton

Four Points by Sheraton Los Angeles Westside **\$254 nightly Total: \$508**  
5990 Green Valley Circle  
Culver City  
**15 mins** from Beverly Hills Hilton

Courtyard by Marriot Culver City **\$236 nightly Total: \$473**

6333 Bristol Pkwy.

**16 mins** from Beverly Hills Hilton

Hollywood Volume, A Tribute Portfolio Hotel **\$265 nightly Total: \$530**

6516 Selma Ave.

Los Angeles

**18 mins** from Beverly Hills Hilton

Hopefully, we can act fast on booking one.

Respectfully,

*Dana Howell*

Executive Assistant  
Office of Chairman Brendan Carr  
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**From:** Greg Watson <[Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov](mailto:Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov)>

**Sent:** Monday, April 28, 2025 10:18 PM

**To:** Dana Howell <[Dana.Howell@fcc.gov](mailto:Dana.Howell@fcc.gov)>

**Subject:** FW: Moderator + Hotel - Speaker Invitation | 2025 Milken Institute Global Conference - May 4-7 in LA

Please see if you can find a few cheaper hotel options and send over to me tomorrow. Current plan is for him to fly in Saturday and red-eye back to DC on Monday night. There's a Mosaic Hotel just across the street... something like that could work.

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**From:** Ainsley Jamieson <[ajamieson@milkeninstitute.org](mailto:ajamieson@milkeninstitute.org)>

**Sent:** Monday, April 28, 2025 6:56 PM

**To:** Dianna Dunne <[ddunne@milkeninstitute.org](mailto:ddunne@milkeninstitute.org)>; Greg Watson <[Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov](mailto:Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov)>

**Cc:** Dana Howell <[Dana.Howell@fcc.gov](mailto:Dana.Howell@fcc.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Moderator + Hotel - Speaker Invitation | 2025 Milken Institute Global Conference - May 4-7 in LA

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Hi All-

As Dianna mentioned, I wanted to get the ball rolling on hotel needs, as availability is limited. Confirming you will need just one night, Sunday, 5/4 – Monday, 5/5? The rate is \$491 / night. Will Chairman Carr have a staff joining who will need lodging? If so, I will need their name, title and emails and I can put in a request for an additional room, pending availability.

Lastly, I will need an email address for the hotel reservation(s). Upon confirmation, payment will need to be updated via phone or credit card authorization.

Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you!

Ainsley

**Ainsley Jamieson**

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**Subject:** Moderator + Hotel - Speaker Invitation | 2025 Milken Institute Global Conference - May 4-7 in LA

Hi – in terms of moderator, let me know if there is a preference below. We would like to tee-up a prep call tomorrow or Wednesday.

For hotel, I'm adding Ainsley on this note to coordinate.

- David Faber, Bloomberg (moderating another session at GC)
- Carol Massar, Bloomberg (moderating another session at GC)
- Jessica Melugin, Director of the Center for Technology & Innovation at the Competitive Enterprise Institute (we don't know if Jessica is available – currently not participating in GC)

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**From:** Dianna Dunne

**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2025 2:35 PM

**To:** Greg Watson <[Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov](mailto:Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov)>

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**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL]: Follow-up - Speaker Invitation | 2025 Milken Institute Global Conference - May 4-7 in LA

Sounds good.

In the meantime, we will get him registered as a speaker and have his Fireside listed in the program.

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**From:** Greg Watson <[Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov](mailto:Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov)>  
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We are still sorting out final details in terms of travel. + Dana here who will confirm as soon as we know more.

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Great - we will move forward with registering the Chairman. Will you be with him? Anyone with him will need credentials. Hotel? We can help coordinate at the Beverly Hilton. Arrival and departure dates? We host a series of dinners at private residences Sunday night May 4. Let me know if he arrives on Sunday.

On Apr 23, 2025, at 11:02 PM, Greg Watson <[Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov](mailto:Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov)> wrote:

Thanks Dianna! We look forward to seeing you all in a few weeks.

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Speaker - Ali Osman - Confirmed - Chief Investment Officer, Artificial Intelligence, MGX

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Speaker - Hemant Taneja - Confirmed - CEO, General Catalyst

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**To:** [brendan.carr@fcc.gov](mailto:brendan.carr@fcc.gov)

**Cc:** [gregory.watson@fcc.gov](mailto:gregory.watson@fcc.gov)

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Best regards,  
Dianna

**Dianna Dunne**

Executive Director | Global Government Affairs

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**To:** [Katie Gorscak](#); [Greg Watson](#)  
**Cc:** [Adam Jackman](#); [Will Wiquist](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Press Inquiries for 04/30 a.m.  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 30, 2025 1:15:00 PM

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Go ahead and coordinate the hit. Thanks.

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**From:** Katie Gorscak <[Katie.Gorscak@fcc.gov](mailto:Katie.Gorscak@fcc.gov)>  
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Great-let us know if we can assist with setting this up.

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Yep. Let's do the CNBC hit Monday morning out at Milken

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**From:** Greg Watson <[Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov](mailto:Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov)>  
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**To:** Katie Gorscak <[Katie.Gorscak@fcc.gov](mailto:Katie.Gorscak@fcc.gov)>; Brendan Carr <[Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov](mailto:Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov)>  
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**Subject:** RE: Press Inquiries for 04/30 a.m.

BC, you might be interested in the CNBC hit Monday from Milken. Let us know.

OMR, good with your two other recs below.

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### **General Press Inquiry**

AI Hunt, Washington columnist and podcast host - [alberthunt@yahoo.com](mailto:alberthunt@yahoo.com)

Hi I'm AI Hunt, Washington columnist and podcast host. I have simple question or two for chairman Carr re column I'm writing How do I direct that ?> Thanks.

OMR Rec: (b) (5)

**Interview Request for Chairman re: Broadcast Topics**

NPR (Steve Inskeep - [sinskeep@npr.org](mailto:sinskeep@npr.org)) – second request/follow up

Hi! NPR proposes an interview with Chairman Carr on his opening months in office. We'd like to hear his thinking about CBS, public broadcasting, some of the other investigations, and his broad goals and approach to the job. The interview would be recorded, not live. Thirty minutes. I would ask the questions, face to face, and will be happy to come to your offices. Ideally, we'd talk next week. What do you think?

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**Interview Request for Chairman – CNBC**

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**Date:** Wednesday, April 30, 2025 1:01:00 PM

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Yep. Let's do the CNBC hit Monday morning out at Milken

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BC, (b) (5) Let us know.

OMR, good with your two other recs below.

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### **General Press Inquiry**

Al Hunt, Washington columnist and podcast host - [alberthunt@yahoo.com](mailto:alberthunt@yahoo.com)

Hi I'm Al Hunt, Washington columnist and podcast host. I have simple question or two for chairman Carr re column I'm writing How do I direct that ?> Thanks.

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### **Interview Request for Chairman re: Broadcast Topics**

NPR (Steve Inskeep - [sinskeep@npr.org](mailto:sinskeep@npr.org)) – second request/follow up

Hi! NPR proposes an interview with Chairman Carr on his opening months in office. We'd like to hear his thinking about CBS, public broadcasting, some of the other investigations, and his broad goals and approach to the job. The interview would be recorded, not live. Thirty minutes. I would ask the questions, face to face, and will be happy to come to your offices. Ideally, we'd talk next week. What do you think?

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Thanks. Two topics jump to mind on my end.

1. Recap the quick wins the FCC has delivered during the First 100 days.

<https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DOC-411127A1.pdf>

2. Spectrum. Biden allowed America to fall behind China when it comes to an important feature of our economy and national security—spectrum or the airwaves that connect all of our wireless devices. The U.S. needs to regain its leadership position here and we have a good chance to do that through reconciliation by restoring the FCC's authority to auction spectrum.

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Good afternoon Chairman Carr,

Great to have you back on the show tomorrow morning! Right now for topics I'm looking at, The FCC's probe of 60 minutes, the FCC's work to empower local broadcasters, the upcoming vote to ban Chinese labs deemed a risk to U.S. national security from testing electronic devices, and any other topics that you're hot on that you can send over would be appreciated. Please send over any notes or talking points you have.

I'll send over a finalized list of topics in the morning. If there are any questions, don't hesitate to reach out!

Best,

**Daniel Plyam**  
**Associate Producer, Mornings with Maria**  
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Thanks. Adding one more from my team. **New title:** Chairman, Federal Communications Commission

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Good morning Brendan!

Thanks for confirming your appearance over text. Please kindly confirm on this thread.

You should have received a building pass for the FOX DC Bureau. Please kindly arrive no later than 7:15 AM/ET.

I am looping in our producer Daniel to this thread. I am also adding in my colleague Bill who will be able to assist with any logistical questions that may arise in the morning.

Please confirm your title: Brendan Carr, FCC Commissioner, Senior Republican

Sincerely,  
Caroline Haubenstricker  
Booking Producer, *Mornings with Maria*  
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Here's what we've said the last three years:

2024

**8. Gifts and Travel Reimbursements**

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Subject: Annual Ethics Filing

Can you take a look at this part of my ethics filing.

I believe that Drema did (or should have) collected a list of any reportable gifts. This would be for calendar year 2024. (b) (3) (A), (b) (6)

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Katie

**Broadcast Topics/News Distortion**

Last Week Tonight (Chris McDaniel – [chris.mcdaniel@lastweektonight.com](mailto:chris.mcdaniel@lastweektonight.com))

My name is Chris McDaniel, I'm a news producer with Last Week Tonight. I'm reaching out because we're working on a segment **set to air this Sunday** that

will, among other things, discuss the FCC and what it's been up to this year. We are reaching out to you so that you are not surprised, and so that you can respond with any context that you would like for us to be aware of before we tape. I also had a few questions to run by you.

**I ask that you respond by noon ET on Thursday May 15th so we have time to incorporate your response into the script.**

We intend to discuss:

- A few various investigations into stations:
  - WPVI-TV/ABC, a news distortion complaint against ABC's fact checking of the Presidential debate that was closed under the previous Chair, but reopened under Carr
  - WCBS-TV/CBS, another news distortion complaint, this one over the 60 Minutes interview with Kamala Harris. Closed under the prior Chair but reopened under Carr. The FCC had 60 Minutes turn over its transcript, which the agency published online.
  - WNBC-TV/NBC, another news distortion complaint, this one over Kamala Harris's SNL appearance. Closed under the prior Chair but reopened under Carr.
  - An investigation into Comcast/NBC and Disney/ABC [for](#) "promoting invidious forms of DEI discrimination."
  - The FOX29 petition was denied under the prior chair, and not reopened under Carr.
  - An investigation into radio station KCBS in San Francisco, into whether or not the station's reporting on ICE activity was a violation of the broadcaster's public interest obligations
    - Could we get ahold of the letter you all sent?
- We may mention the President Trump pin that Carr [wears](#).
- That the FCC would have to sign off on CBS' proposed merger, since the FCC approves transfers of station licenses. Carr has said that the 60 Minutes investigation is also tied into the approval of the merger.
- We may reference this Hollywood Reporter [piece](#). I know you [shared](#) it on social media — is there context or response you would like us to be aware of?
- I saw your appearance with [Semafor](#) in which you said:
  - *"Carr: What I'm saying is the FCC is a place that operates by case law and by precedent. And these cases and precedent that were developed over the last four years were apparently not controversial when the Democrats were in charge. And I'm surprised that applying the same precedents is now considered controversial.*
  - ...
  - *Carr: There are things that the FCC does that once they do them, that creates the precedent. That creates the case law. That creates the thing that the FCC is supposed to follow. What we're doing right now is following the law that the FCC has developed over the last four years. But, again, I'm surprised that it's controversial now, but it wasn't then."*
  - Specifically, what case law were you referring to? If you have links to case

decisions, I would love to read through those.

- We might reference this [article](#) which goes through the history of news distortion, when it has been previously cited, and what it requires to prove. Is there any context not in there that you would like for us to be aware of on the history of news distortion?

Questions:

1. The WPVI, WCBS, WNBC complaints were dismissed under the prior Chair. Why did Chairman Carr re-open them?
2. Can you send me a copy of the letter you all sent KCBS?
  1. As best we can tell, other outlets in San Francisco also reported on the ICE activity at the same time as KCBS, and TV stations did so with footage of the actual vehicles. Is this your understanding as well? And if so, why is the FCC investigating KCBS but not these other stations?
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3. When Carr was interviewed by Ben Smith and referred to case law over the past 4 years, what cases specifically Carr referring to? Could you send me a copy of the decisions in those cases?

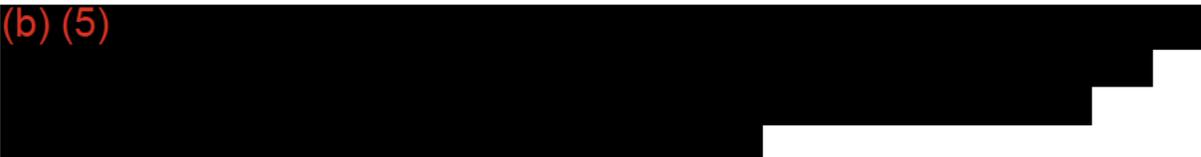
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On Dispatch, you can provide this quote from an FCC spokesperson: "There is a new space race underway. And while the United States is in the leadership position, China has made clear that it wants to gain a dominate position in the delivery of satellite-based services. It is in our national security and economic interests to ensure that U.S.-based businesses can launch and succeed in orbit. That is why the FCC has been pursuing a Final Frontiers agenda that gives every one of the many different U.S.-based satellite and space businesses a fair shot at prospering both here and around the globe."

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### **Interview Request for Chairman Re: Starlink**

The Dispatch (Alex Demas - [alex@thedispatch.com](mailto:alex@thedispatch.com))

I am a reporter with *The Dispatch* where I am currently working on a piece about Starlink and potential conflicts of interest within the White House surrounding fast-track approvals in foreign countries. There has been a lot of attention on this issue, but I've noticed that a lot of it overlooks the legitimate strategic reasons for promoting U.S. LEO tech adoption as part of broader telecommunications competition with China and the EU. I know this is something that Chairman Carr has spoken about in the past, so I would love to include his perspective in the piece if possible. Would not need to be a very long interview, just 5-15 minutes sometime over the next week.

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**60 Minutes Investigation**

The Federalist (Beth Brelje - [beth@thefederalist.com](mailto:beth@thefederalist.com))

Can you update me on where things stand on the 60 minutes investigation?  
Can you point me in the direction of a link where I can follow its progress- if one exists. <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DA-25-107A1.pdf>

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**From:** [Brendan Carr](#)  
**To:** [Erin Boone](#); [Benjamin Arden](#)  
**Subject:** CBS  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 28, 2025 9:22:00 AM

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As part of our media bureau catch up today, we should discuss again the open issues that remain in our review of the proposed CBS transaction.

- Brendan

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**To:** [Katie Gorscak](#)  
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### **Cable Television Rate Regulations**

New York Times (David Fahrenthold – [david.fahrenthold@nytimes.com](mailto:david.fahrenthold@nytimes.com)) – second request

I'm a New York Times reporter. I'm very sorry to bother. Would you be able to send me any documentation that's been made public about the matter "Revisions to Cable Television Rate Regulations, MB Docket No. 02-144"? I was particularly interested in any documents that would explain what the FCC is considering in that matter, and what the costs and benefits would be of this possible change. I'm at 202.309.5010, if you'd rather talk by phone.

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### **Executive Branch Club**

- Washington Post (Maura Judkis – [maura.judkis@washpost.com](mailto:maura.judkis@washpost.com))

I'm a reporter for the Washington Post, and I'm writing about the Executive Branch club in Georgetown. We saw that Brendan Carr attended the launch party. Can you tell us if he is a member?

OMR Rec: (b) (5)

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### **Multilingual Alerts**

NBC San Jose (Shawn Murphy – [shawn.murphy@nbcuni.com](mailto:shawn.murphy@nbcuni.com))

Does the FCC have a statement or any background information you can provide with regards to the bipartisan action urging the FCC to implement multilingual wireless emergency alerts? Thank you in advance!

OMR Rec: (b) (5)



### **Facebook/Meta Scam**

CBS 13-Portland, Maine (Stephanie Grindley – [sggrindley@sbgvtv.com](mailto:sggrindley@sbgvtv.com)) – deadline is Friday, 5/30

I'm an investigative reporter based in Portland, Maine, and I'm looking into a troubling tip that, a portion, may fall under the **FCC's scope**. It has to do with impersonation scams on social media. We recently heard from a grieving mother whose Facebook account was hacked shortly after her daughter died. The hacker began posting items "for sale" that supposedly belonged to her daughter -- preying on other family members who ended up falling for it. (I've attached a screenshot.) In researching this, I've seen similar scams crop up across the country. I've reached out to Meta but haven't received a response. This has led me to focus on the *awareness/accountability* side of the story.

Would someone from the FCC be available to speak about the prevalence of this type of impersonation on social media -- and what possible **enforcement action** has been taken/or could be taken by the FCC to crack down on it?

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**From:** [Brendan Carr](#)  
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Chairman –

Attached is the draft PN for your review. (b) (5)

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Please let us know if you have any questions. Once you are signed off on the substance we can address rollout/press, etc.

Thanks,

Erin Boone  
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Dear Brendan,

I hope this message finds you well.

I am writing to invite you to speak at **Transatlantic Week 2025**, organized by the **Transatlantic Policy Network (TPN)**. We would be honoured if you could join us as a panellist for **Session 4: “Defense of the West: how to strengthen Western security?”**, which will take place from **11:45 am – 12:45 pm on Tuesday 22 July 2025** in the **Members’ Room, Library of Congress, Washington, DC**.

Please find attached the draft program, where your name has been provisionally included as a speaker for this session. The theme of this year’s Transatlantic Week is **“EU–US Partnership: Priorities for Joint Action Towards 2030.”** Previous programs at [Transatlantic Week Archive](#)

This session will examine how the EU and US can align more closely on strategic defense investments, procurement coordination, and security technology. Your perspective would be a particularly valuable contribution to this timely discussion.

Each session is 60 minutes, off-the-record and informal. Speakers are invited to give 5–7 minutes of opening remarks, followed by moderated discussion and audience Q&A.

Participants include Members of the US Congress and European Parliament, senior EU and US officials, and leaders from business, think tanks, and academia.

If you are able to join us, we will provide briefing materials including session themes, fellow speaker bios, and the final run-of-show.

We would be delighted if you could accept this invitation. It would be an honour to host you

again and privilege for our participants to hear you.

Looking forward to hearing from you. Here's hoping.

Warm wishes,

Vivien

**Vivien Haig**

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## INTRODUCTION

Europe and the United States have a long history that has withstood the test of wars and economic downturns. Their transatlantic marketplace is by far the broadest and deepest in the world. Their relationship is rooted in shared values. Together they stand as a bulwark against authoritarianism and state-driven economic outcomes.

At the same time, a new world order of competing regional blocs is emerging that challenges European and American strategic, political and economic interests. History demonstrates that relations between the EU and the US need not be as a zero-sum game in which one region wins and the other loses. In the last 80 years, mutually beneficial transatlantic cooperation has delivered economic growth, jobs, stability and peace. Moreover, the success of the U.S and the EU in furthering their interests and shared values has acted as a beacon for the rest of the world in the ongoing struggle between democracy and autocracy.

The Transatlantic Policy Network (TPN) was founded on the belief that there are fundamental challenges facing both the EU and the US and that Europeans and Americans can best meet those challenges through collaboration rather than confrontation and individual action. To that end and to further deepen and strengthen this relationship, TPN has been working on a project called Transatlantic Vision 2030 And Beyond to build bridges to a shared mutually beneficial future. Initial recommendations to achieve this goal were published during Transatlantic Week in April 2024.

With new US and EU administrations now in office, leaders on both sides of the Atlantic have common challenges – spurring economic growth, creating more jobs, fostering competitiveness, driving innovation and manufacturing transformation, managing the digital transformation, promoting efficient rules-based multilateralism, achieving environmental sustainability and promoting national and global security. To meet these challenges, TPN has developed ideas and policy proposals. It has prepared a report outlining recommendations for strengthening transatlantic partnership looking toward 2030 and beyond. We see this as the first step in launching a transatlantic discussion involving the business community, legislators and civil society and the start is Transatlantic Week 2025.

To launch this conversation, our annual Transatlantic Week 2025 will take place in Washington DC from the evening of Monday 21 July through the evening of Wednesday 23 July.

**30 JUNE 2025**

**MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JULY TO WEDNESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JULY 2025**  
**DRAFT PROGRAMME**  
**ALL SESSIONS ARE INFORMAL AND OFF-THE-RECORD**  
**“EU US PARTNERSHIP: PRIORITIES FOR JOINT ACTION TOWARDS 2030”**

**MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JULY      SESSION 1**  
5.00-5:45 pm      **TPN Report: Transatlantic Vision 2030 and beyond**  
Location:      27 D Street SE, Washington, DC 20003  
Theme:      **Roll-out and discussion of principal recommendations**  
Moderator:      **James Elles**, Chairman, TPN  
Speaker:      **Bruce Stokes**, Executive Director, Transatlantic Task Force:  
German Marshall Fund of the United States and  
TPN Project Director

Vision 2030, a strategy for strengthening the US-EU relationship is a project of the Transatlantic Policy Network, which started in 2019 and is now moving into its second substantive phase. The recommendations of the report are founded on the belief that there are fundamental geostrategic challenges that can only be met by the US and the EU working together through collaboration rather than individual actions. These issues include Geostrategy and Defence, Economy and Trade, Digital Transformation, Sustainability and ideas to strengthen Transatlantic Partnership through bridgebuilding.

How should TPN finalise these recommendations and ensure that they can be delivered over time?

**MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JULY      SESSION 1**  
6.00 – 8.00 pm      **Welcome Reception**  
Location:      27 D Street SE, Washington, DC 20003  
Welcome:      Allison O'Brien, Managing Director Government Affairs, Oracle  
Matis Pellerin, Vice President, Global Government Affairs, Oracle  
**Speaker:**      **Representative Brian Mast**, Member of Congress,  
US House of Representatives or

**TUESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JULY      SESSION 2**  
9.30 – 10.30 am      **Opening Session: Outlook for Transatlantic Partnership**  
Location:      Members' Room, Library of Congress, Thomas Jefferson Building,  
10 First Street SE, Washington DC 20540  
Moderators:      **Danuta Huebner**, EU Honorary President, TPN  
and Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council  
Speakers:      Darrell Issa, Member of Congress, US House of Representatives  
**Jim Costa**, Member of Congress, US House of Representatives

Today, transatlantic partnership is more important than ever. Political transitions on both sides of the Atlantic, differing visions of the geostrategic world order, the security challenges posed by Russia and China, ongoing regional conflicts, migration, climate change, economic uncertainties, and the digital transformation all reaffirm the necessity of US-EU cooperation and TPN's role in support of that mission. In this new political environment, both the EU and the US will be better off working together rather than on their own.

What will be required to enable the transatlantic partnership to succeed in achieving such cooperation, seen from both a political and business perspective?

10.30 – 10.45 am      **Coffee Break**

## **GEOSTRATEGY AND DEFENSE (see TPN report pages 7 - 9)**

### **TUESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> JULY      SESSION 3**

10.45 – 11.45 am      **Geostrategic threats to the West: how to counter them together?**

Location:      Members' Room, Library of Congress, Thomas Jefferson Building,  
10 First Street SE, Washington DC 20540

Moderator:      **Bart Szewczyk**, Advisor, European and Global Public Policy,  
Covington Burling

Speakers:      Carol Miller, Member of Congress, US House of Representatives  
**Nacho Sanchez Amor MEP**, European Parliament  
**Max Bergmann**, Director, Europe, Russia, and Eurasia Program  
and Stuart Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)  
Ruth Bajada, Deputy Chief of Mission,  
Delegation of the European Union to the United States

The world is seemingly moving toward a system of regional political and economic blocs, heavily armed and in competition for technological leadership and access to key mineral and food resources. Since February 2022, when Russia launched its unprovoked attack on Ukraine, Russia has emerged as a hostile, militarily aggressive power in Europe, moving decisively into Beijing's orbit in a link reputed to be without limits

The economic rise of China to be the world's largest economic power has long been predicted. The central question remains how to balance national security interests to secure critical technologies and materials while also continuing to advance a strong bilateral trade and investment relationship. Both the EU and the US are de-risking ties with Beijing, reshoring production and considering limits on Chinese investment in their economies.

Will Ukraine achieve a successful peace in its war against Russia with Western help? How should the West deal with the deepening military, technological and economic ties between China, Russia, North Korea and Iran?

**TUESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> JULY      SESSION 4**

11.45 – 12.45 pm

**Defense of the West: how to strengthen Western security?**

Location: Members' Room, Library of Congress, Thomas Jefferson Building,  
10 First Street SE, Washington DC 20540

Moderator: **Julianne Smith**, Former US Ambassador to NATO

Speakers: Brendan Boyle, Member of Congress, US House of Representatives  
Neal Dunn, Member of Congress, US House of Representatives  
**Kira Rudyk MP** for Holos and Vice President, ALDE  
**Kristen Verderame**, VP Global Government, NetApp  
Brendan Carr, Chairman,  
U.S. Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

A new world order is emerging and what happens in one region has profound consequences in the others. Russia's aggression in Ukraine, against a backdrop of China's growing military capacity and alignment with Russia, ongoing uncertainty and conflict in the Middle East and the emerging importance of the Global South in the supply chains of critical minerals are the interrelated global geostrategic challenges that the EU and the US jointly face.

In response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, America and Europe have rallied to Ukraine's defence. In 2024, European NATO members' defence spending increased 18 percent and 23 of the 32 NATO allies now meet their pledge to devote 2 percent of their GDP to defence, up from just six countries that met that goal in 2021. NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte has asserted that member spending should be "considerably more than 3 percent", and Estonia, Greece, Latvia and Poland already exceed that ambition.

As both the US and European governments increase defence spending in the years ahead, governments on both sides of the Atlantic need to coordinate investment, procurement, and trade rules to avoid wasteful duplication of effort and self-defeating trade and investment frictions. EU countries are already, collectively, the second largest military spenders in the world, but they lack defence industries built to scale. There is excessive fragmentation of their defence industrial base, unnecessary duplication and interoperability of equipment compounded by lack of coordination between Member States. These shortcomings undermine Europe's ability to be a fulsome strategic partner of the US.

What are the actions needed by the EU and the US together to ensure the most effective utilisation of resources to achieve their defence goals?

**TUESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> JULY      SESSION 5**

12.45 – 1.45 pm

**Lunch - In conversation**

Location: Members' Room, Library of Congress, Thomas Jefferson Building,  
10 First Street SE, Washington DC 20540

Moderator: Lisa Schroeter, Global Director of Trade & Investment Policy  
Dow Chemical Company

Speaker: Jamieson Greer, United States Trade Representative, USTR

**TUESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> JULY      SESSION 6**

1.45 – 2.45 pm

**How must the US and EU act to simplify regulation?**

Location: Members' Room, Library of Congress, Thomas Jefferson Building,  
10 First Street SE, Washington DC 20540

Moderator: **Thomas Spiller**, Vice President Global Public Policy,  
The Walt Disney Company

Speakers: **Dan Mullaney**, Non-resident Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council,  
Former Assistant US Trade Representative for Europe  
**Roger Coelho**, Senior Director of Policy, Amcham  
**Adam Smith**, Member of Congress, US House of Representatives  
**Niels Junker Jacobsen**, EU Presidency Denmark

The US and EU aim to create economic conditions where businesses thrive, the environment is protected, and workers have an equal chance of success. But they approach these goals differently, with a marked divergence on regulatory measures. Inconsistent and overly restrictive regulations have handicapped EU companies and hinder growth. In contrast, the US has now created a Department of Government efficiency (DOGE) aiming to reduce expenditure by \$2 trillion. For the EU, the Draghi report recommends action to complete the Single Market, for example the Capital Markets Union.

Since both the EU and the US will be reviewing regulations that impede productivity and economic growth, Washington and Brussels should establish a deregulation and regulatory simplification dialogue to ensure that their regulatory streamlining does not create new transatlantic trade and investment tensions. This initiative should be welcome in response to the growing economic competition from China.

Could such a dialogue agree on joint pre-regulation research and information-gathering so that regulators are each working with a common set of facts?

**TUESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> JULY      SESSION 7**

3.00 – 4.00 pm

**How can Transatlantic productivity and investment be improved?**

Location: Members' Room, Library of Congress, Thomas Jefferson Building,  
10 First Street SE, Washington DC 20540

Moderator: Penny Naas, Lead Allied Competitiveness Project,  
German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF)

Speakers: Sara Jacobs, Member of Congress, US House of Representatives  
Bill Huizenga, Member of Congress, US House of Representatives  
Dina Kallay, Deputy Assistant Attorney General for International,  
Policy, and Appellate, U.S. Department of Justice's Antitrust  
Division  
Member European Parliament  
**Claudia Selli**, Vice President EU Government Affairs, AT&T  
**Mario Mueller**, Director External Affairs Europe,  
Philip Morris International (PMI)

The US administration is using tariffs to induce companies to invest in the US to create jobs, and it aims to negotiate tariff deals to shore up jobs domestically. But there can be no escaping the fact that all the old

manufacturing jobs on both sides of the Atlantic will not be coming back: AGI will ensure that millions of existing jobs will disappear in the years ahead, while others will no doubt be created in their place. But will people have the necessary skills to do these jobs? The building blocks of a new era of EU-US cooperation lie in finding common solutions for the creation of new jobs. Workers will need to be retrained, and young people given the skills that will be necessary in the new economy. Europe and America need to learn from each other as they create jobs for the future.

How does Europe stimulate innovation? How can the massive investments be generated for the transformation of Europe's economy? How can those common interests lead to a common policy agenda? And how can European and American businesses contribute to developing and delivering on that forward trade agenda?

**TUESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> JULY****SESSION 8**

4.00 – 5.00pm

**Promoting Transatlantic business contacts**

Location: Members' Room, Library of Congress, Thomas Jefferson Building,  
10 First Street SE, Washington DC 20540

Moderator: **James Elles**, Chairman, TPN

Speakers: **Thomas Spiller**, Vice President, Global Public Policy,  
The Walt Disney Company  
**Lisa Schroeter**, Global Director of Trade & Investment Policy,  
The Dow Chemical Company  
**Peter Lefkin**, Senior Vice President, Allianz of America Corporation  
**Alberto Zilio**, Head of European Government Affairs, Ericsson  
Co-Chairmen TPN Business Group

There is significant desire among the transatlantic business community to see how such contacts can be promoted in the absence of a previous organisation such as the TABC. Given the importance of such contacts at an uncertain time for their operations, is there a way that lines of communications can be enhanced?

**TUESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> JULY****SESSION 9**

6.00 – 8.00 pm

**Reception**

Location: Google DC, 25 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, 20001

Hosted by: **Mr. Karan Bhatia**, Google's Vice President and Global Head  
of Google's Government Affairs and Public Policy Team

**DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION (See TPN Report pages 13-14)**

**WEDNESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> JULY SESSION 10**

9.30 – 10.30am

**Digital Transformation: Current priorities for Transatlantic action**

Location: Whittall Pavilion, US Library of Congress,  
10 First Street SE, Washington, DC 20540

Moderator: **Combiz Abdolrahimi**, Vice President, ServiceNow

Speakers: Suzan DelBene, Member of Congress,  
US House of Representatives

**Lina Gálvez MEP**, Member of the European Parliament

**Audrey Scozzaro Ferrazzini**, Vice President Government Affairs  
Qualcomm Europe and Chair European Internet Forum

**Marcus Jadotte**, Vice President, Government Affairs & Public  
Policy, Google Cloud

Ajit Pai, President and Chief Executive Officer, Cellular  
Telecommunications & Internet Association (CTIA)

The speed of digital transformation shows no sign of slackening. Changes that took a year to reach 1 million subscribers thirty years ago today happen in a matter of days. The EU and the US have made important progress to address common challenges with the Trade and Technology Council, for example dealing with questions relating to data transfer, semiconductors and cyber.

How will such cooperation be updated and continued?

**WEDNESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> JULY SESSION 11**

10.45 – 11.45am

**Artificial intelligence and cyber security**

Location: Whittall Pavilion, US Library of Congress,  
10 First Street SE, Washington, DC 20540

Moderator: James Fontanella, Correspondent, Financial Times

Speakers: **Ajit Jaokar**, Course Director and Visiting Fellow for Artificial  
Intelligence, University of Oxford and Advisor,  
Darrell Issa, Member of Congress, US House of Representatives  
Gerard de Graaf, Head of San Francisco Office,  
European Commission

**Chris Gow**, Head of EU Public Policy, Cisco

**Alberto Zilio**, Head of European Government Affairs, Ericsson

Looking down the road towards 2040, AI promises to be a huge global disruptor for jobs, for industry and government and for defence. Moreover, the EU and the US differ over how to balance concerns over freedom of speech and the right to privacy. At the moment, American companies have a technological edge. Today, the EU favours a regulatory approach in shaping AI's future, most recently agreeing to the world's first comprehensive Regulation on AI, while the US is focussing its efforts on making greater space for innovation. How can common ground be found between these two approaches for AI? Can a transatlantic digital market be created over time?

**SUSTAINABILITY (See TPN Report page 12)**

**WEDNESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> JULY SESSION 12**

11.45 – 12.45am

**Food and energy security challenges ahead**

Location: Whittall Pavilion, US Library of Congress,  
10 First Street SE, Washington, DC 20540

Moderator: Joern Fleck, Senior Director, Europe Center, Atlantic Council

Speakers: Dina Titus, Member of Congress, US House of Representatives  
Glenn Thompson, Member of Congress,  
US House of Representatives  
Walter Goetz, Head of Office, European Parliament Liaison Office  
Amie Stepanovich, Senior Manager, Global Strategic Alliances,  
Apple

**Mark Titterington**, Director, Forum for the Future of Agriculture

Sustainability, inclusion and growth offer a powerful synergy and are considered the building blocks necessary to deliver a prosperous and green future. Government and business have common objectives – to meet the current challenges of the climate crisis, with products and services designed to transition energy to more sustainable fuels, to address food security challenges and to innovate a more circular approach to husband scarce resources. Citizens are demanding action of companies and of governments to deliver policies and products that reduce cost, while maintaining consumer choice.

**WEDNESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> JULY SESSION 13**

12.45 – 1.45 pm

**Lunch In conversation**

Location: Whittall Pavilion, US Library of Congress,  
10 First Street SE, Washington, DC 20540

Moderator: Thomas Spiller, Vice President, Global Public Policy,  
The Walt Disney Company

Speaker: Maroš Šefčovič, Commissioner for Trade and Economic Security,  
European Commission

**WEDNESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> JULY SESSION 14**

1.45 – 2.30 pm

**Priorities for the TPN Staffers Network**

Location: Whittall Pavilion, US Library of Congress,  
10 First Street SE, Washington, DC 20540

Moderator: **Dan Nechita**, EU Director TPN

Speakers: **TPN Staffer Core Group Leadership**

The Network has been successfully launched with well attended meetings in both Brussels (December 5) and Washington (January 8). A detailed draft program is taking shape with agreement for the Network to have regular events throughout the year. There is a strong emphasis on maintaining political and staffer connections, of significance if executive-level relations become strained. The involvement of the business community in the activities of the Network is also important. What are the priorities ahead for 2026?

**WEDNESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> JULY SESSION 15**

2.30 – 3.30pm

**TLD: its leadership role**

Location: Whittall Pavilion, US Library of Congress,  
10 First Street SE, Washington, DC 20540

Moderator:

Speakers: **Brando Benifei** MEP, European Parliament

**Nathaniel Moran**, Member of Congress,  
US House of Representatives

Co-chairs of the Transatlantic Legislators Dialogue

This session will provide the opportunity not only to review the results of the last meeting of the Transatlantic legislators' dialogue in Poland in June but look forward to likely events coming in the autumn as the new administrations accelerate their contacts on a wide range of issues.

### WEDNESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> JULY SESSION 16

3.45 – 4.45 pm

#### **How could the US and the EU work together on trade?**

Location: Whittall Pavilion, US Library of Congress,  
10 First Street SE, Washington, DC 20540

Moderator: **Marta Poślad**, Director, Public Policy Central and Eastern Europe &  
Transatlantic, Google

Speakers: **Brando Benifei MEP**, Co-chair TLD, European Parliament

**Donald Beyer Jr**, Member of Congress,  
US House of Representatives

Everett Eizenstat, Partner, Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP and  
TPN Board Member

**Liam Benham**, President of EU, NATO and Government Affairs  
Europe, Boeing International, and Chairman, AmCham EU  
EU Business

The American and European economies have thrived under the multilateral rules-based trading system they crafted. And with more and more economic activity occurring outside the transatlantic space, they both have a stake in that system continuing to deliver predictability and ease of doing business under a multilateral non-discriminatory open and fair-trade regime. But the World Trade Organization is in disarray, both as a negotiating forum and as a dispute settlement system, thanks to obstructionism by some emerging market economies and American sabotage of the WTO's Appellate Body. The US and the EU need to lead an effort to make the WTO an effective maker and enforcer of rules for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century economy.

In the wake of China's membership in the World Trade Organization, the US merchandise trade deficit with the People's Republic has more than tripled and the EU trade deficit with China has more than doubled. China's rise as a commercial trading partner is driven by leadership policies and has, in part, been fuelled by Beijing's subsidies, an unfair competitive advantage that threatens to worsen as China attempts to export its way out of its prolonged economic slowdown. Coordinated EU-US defensive efforts to balance the playing field will be needed to defend their workers and their industries from unfair competition.

How can those shared interests lead to a common policy agenda? And how can European and American businesses contribute to developing and delivering on that future-forward trade agenda?

### WEDNESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> JULY SESSION 17

4.45 - 5.00 pm

#### **Concluding remarks by TPN leadership**

Location: Whittall Pavilion, US Library of Congress,  
10 First Street SE, Washington, DC 20540

Moderator: **James Elles**, Chairman, TPN

Speakers: US Congress  
Member European Parliament  
US and EU Business leadership

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**From:** [Brendan Carr](#)  
**To:** [Will Wiquist](#)  
**Cc:** [Greg Watson](#); [Katie Gorscak](#); [Adam Jackman](#)  
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**Subject:** RE: Press Inquiries - June 30 afternoon

Good morning – There have not been any new inquiries today, but I thought I would re-up yesterday's inquiries to see if you'd like me to proceed (b) (5)

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**Presidential Post on AT&T**

**Reuters** – Shepardson, David (Reuters) <David.Shepardson@thomsonreuters.com>

Do you know if the FCC is going to investigate this conference call issue President Trump [raised](#)?

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**From:** Will Wiquist  
**Sent:** Monday, June 30, 2025 3:50 PM  
**To:** Brendan Carr <Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov>

**Cc:** Greg Watson <Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov>; Katie Gorscak <Katie.Gorscak@fcc.gov>; Adam Jackman <Adam.Jackman@fcc.gov>

**Subject:** Press Inquiries - June 30 afternoon

### 'Juice Jacking'

**The Washington Post** – Chris Velazco, Personal Tech reporter, [chris.velazco@washpost.com](mailto:chris.velazco@washpost.com) | 856.701.7953

“I’m a personal technology reporter, following up on some recent media advisories urging travelers to be wary of juice jacking attacks in transit. I’ve seen the 2023 notice from the commission stating it wasn’t aware of any confirmed cases of these personal data attacks occurring in transit at airports, train stations, etc.; is that still the case in 2025?”

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### DC Circuit Low Power Ruling

**Law360** - Ali Sullivan <ali.sullivan@law360.com>

I hope this email finds you well. I'm a reporter with legal newswire Law360, working on a story about the D.C. Circuit's decision Friday (attached) denying a petition for review from the Radio Communications Corporation. RCC had challenged the FCC's order implementing the Low Power Protection Act. Would the FCC like to comment on the ruling?

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**Subject:** Press Inquiries - June 30 morning

Below please find the this morning's inquiries.

### **DEI**

**Washington Times (Tuesday Deadline)** – Thomas Howell <thowell@washingtontimes.com> , 973-255-8036

I'm working on a story about the evolution of DEI programs in the private sector following President Trump's day-one order to get rid of the programs in the federal government.

I know that some companies made adjustments to DEI initiatives ahead of FCC-approved mergers, such as T-Mobile and Verizon.

I wanted to get comment on the following by 4 p.m. Tuesday (tomorrow).

- Why was it important for the FCC to get commitments on DEI adjustments before approving these mergers?  
Has there been follow-up, to ensure these companies did what they said they would?

- What's next? Is the FCC continuing to ensure compliance with Trump's directive among other telecom companies, etc?

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### **USF ruling & Alaska**

**Alaska's News Source** - William (Wil) Courtney [WCourtney@ktuu.com](mailto:WCourtney@ktuu.com) 907-575-0007 (direct)

(Email inquiry sent to USAC on Friday and forwarded to OMR)  
My name is Wil Courtney and I work for Alaska's News Source, an affiliate station for NBC

and CBS. With the recent ruling from the Supreme Court upholding the USF, I wanted to learn how the USF benefits Tribal Nations in Alaska and how many Tribal Nations it affects. If you have any time today, I'd be happy to set up a zoom call to talk about it.

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**From:** [Brendan Carr](#)  
**To:** [Plyam, Daniel](#); [Haubenstricker, Caroline](#); [Adam Jackman](#)  
**Cc:** [Greg Watson](#); [Morgan, Bill](#)  
**Subject:** FCC's Build America Agenda  
**Date:** Thursday, July 3, 2025 11:57:00 AM  
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[image003.png](#)

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Hope you all are going to have a great Fourth! Thought I would flag for you a new Build America Agenda for the FCC that I just announced out in South Dakota:

<https://x.com/BrendanCarrFCC/status/1940491713107447931>

If you all end up with a segment window sometime next week, I would welcome the chance to come on and discuss it. As you may recall, Vice President Harris famously “led” a \$42 billion broadband program that didn’t result in a single American getting connect to the Internet. The Trump Administration is turning things around fast. This Build America Agenda is all about how the FCC will get the dirt turning and rural communities connected.

One page summary: <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DOC-412665A1.pdf>

full Build America Agenda: <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DOC-412663A1.pdf>

Some coverage:

<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/dominating-space-economy-key-priority-trumps-fcc-chief>

<https://thehill.com/homenews/5382076-fcc-chairman-climbs-200-foot-nexstar-tower-lays-out-policy-agenda/>

<https://southdakotasearchlight.com/2025/07/02/wearing-a-make-towers-great-again-hat-fcc-chairman-unveils-build-america-agenda-in-south-dakota/>

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**To:** Brendan Carr <Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov>; Haubenstricker, Caroline <Caroline.Haubenstricker@FOX.COM>; Adam Jackman <Adam.Jackman@fcc.gov>  
**Cc:** Greg Watson <Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov>; Morgan, Bill <Bill.Morgan@FOX.COM>  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL]: Brendan Carr - Bartiromo -7:30 AM/ET - Wednesday, 5/7

Good morning Chairman Carr,

We're very excited to have you on this morning! The finalized list of topics for the show today will be the FCC accomplishments in the first 100 days, and FCC reviewing Spectrum rules.

Thank you in advance! Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns!

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**From:** Brendan Carr <[Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov](mailto:Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 2:05 PM

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**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL]: Brendan Carr - Bartiromo -7:30 AM/ET - Wednesday, 5/7

Thanks. Two topics jump to mind on my end.

1. Recap the quick wins the FCC has delivered during the First 100 days.

<https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DOC-411127A1.pdf>

2. Spectrum. Biden allowed America to fall behind China when it comes to an important feature of our economy and national security—spectrum or the airwaves that connect all of our wireless devices. The U.S. needs to regain its leadership position here and we have a good chance to do that through reconciliation by restoring the FCC's authority to auction spectrum.

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Good afternoon Chairman Carr,

Great to have you back on the show tomorrow morning! Right now for topics I'm looking at, The FCC's probe of 60 minutes, the FCC's work to empower local broadcasters, the upcoming vote to ban Chinese labs deemed a risk to U.S. national security from testing electronic devices, and any other topics that you're hot on that you can send over would be appreciated. Please send over any notes or talking points you have.

I'll send over a finalized list of topics in the morning. If there are any questions, don't hesitate to reach out!

Best,

**Daniel Plyam**  
**Associate Producer, Mornings with Maria**

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**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL]: Brendan Carr - Bartiromo -7:30 AM/ET - Wednesday, 5/7

Thanks. Adding one more from my team. **New title:** Chairman, Federal Communications Commission

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Good morning Brendan!

Thanks for confirming your appearance over text. Please kindly confirm on this thread.

You should have received a building pass for the FOX DC Bureau. Please kindly arrive no later than 7:15 AM/ET.

I am looping in our producer Daniel to this thread. I am also adding in my colleague Bill who will be able to assist with any logistical questions that may arise in the morning.

Please confirm your title: Brendan Carr, FCC Commissioner, Senior Republican

Sincerely,  
Caroline Haubenstricker

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**To:** [Stephanie Chambless](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Draft EO 14149 MOU V2  
**Date:** Monday, July 7, 2025 4:02:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [DRAFT FCCxDOJ EO 14149 MOU 7.3.25 V2-BC.docx](#)

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Thanks. Just minor tweaks from me. I'm signed off.

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**From:** Stephanie Chambless <Stephanie.Chambless@fcc.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 7, 2025 3:56 PM  
**To:** Brendan Carr <Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov>  
**Subject:** Draft EO 14149 MOU V2

Chairman,

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Feel like that should cover it without getting into the weeds.

**Stephanie Chambless**  
Special Counsel  
Office of the General Counsel  
Office of Chairman Brendan Carr  
Federal Communications Commission

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**To:** [Katie Gorscak](#)  
**Cc:** [Greg Watson](#); [Adam Jackman](#); [Katherine McAuliffe](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Press Inquiries for 07/07 a.m.  
**Date:** Monday, July 7, 2025 4:14:00 PM

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Adding Katie McAuliffe. Let's also shift our approach now that we're a few months in. In particular, you can leave me off what you consider to be more mundane or lower priority inquiries. Only need to flag for me inquiries that you think are significant.

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**From:** Katie Gorscak <Katie.Gorscak@fcc.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 7, 2025 12:05 PM  
**To:** Brendan Carr <Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov>  
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**Subject:** Press Inquiries for 07/07 a.m.

**MTEs and Internet Services**

ABC15 Arizona (Christel Bell – [christel.bell@abc15.com](mailto:christel.bell@abc15.com)) -deadline is July 8

I am Christel Bell, a consumer reporter for ABC15 Arizona in Phoenix, AZ. Our consumer team, and I handle and solve consumer issues and questions for viewers. I am currently working on story to better explain the rights for tenants when it comes to apartment management and internet providers. Can a representative with your team, answer the following questions for a story that will air in July?

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**From:** [Brendan Carr](#)  
**To:** [Adam Jackman](#)  
**Cc:** [Greg Watson](#)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL]: Reaching out about agency jurisdiction story tomorrow  
**Date:** Monday, July 14, 2025 9:37:04 PM

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**Cc:** Greg Watson <Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL]: Reaching out about agency jurisdiction story tomorrow

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LMK

**Adam Jackman**

Director of Strategic Communications  
FCC Office of Media Relations

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**From:** Maria Curi <maria.curi@axios.com>  
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Hi Adam,

Hope you've been well! We are putting together a story on how agency heads under Trump are making unprecedented moves around race, gender and media bias, which some say are going beyond traditional agency remit and jurisdiction.

For the FCC, we plan to note pressure on companies to drop DEI and the CBS settlement. Other examples may come up in our reporting.

Do you have some time to chat about this? Our deadline is noon tomorrow.

Thanks,  
Maria

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**Maria Curi**

Tech Policy Reporter

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**From:** [Brendan Carr](#)  
**To:** [Erin Boone](#)  
**Cc:** [Benjamin Arden](#); [Greg Watson](#)  
**Subject:** RE: draft order  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 22, 2025 9:36:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [Paramount - Skydance 7,18,25 to BC \(002\)-BC.docx](#)

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**Cc:** Benjamin Arden <Benjamin.Arden@fcc.gov>; Greg Watson <Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: draft order

Chairman –

Attached for your review is the near final draft of the merger order [REDACTED]

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Thanks,

Erin Boone  
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Office of FCC Chairman Brendan Carr  
Acting Chief, Media Bureau  
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**Subject:** draft press release

Chairman –

In advance of the insanity next week with the open meeting, the team put together a draft press release on the transaction for you to consider.

Erin Boone  
Senior Counsel – Media & Enforcement  
Office of FCC Chairman Brendan Carr  
Acting Chief, Media Bureau  
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**From:** [Brendan Carr](#)  
**To:** [Erin Boone](#)  
**Cc:** [Greg Watson](#); [Benjamin Arden](#)  
**Subject:** Carr Statement on CBS Transaction  
**Date:** Thursday, July 24, 2025 3:26:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [CBS Press Release-BC.docx](#)

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Here's my statement that can go out hopefully later today. (b) (5)



**From:** [Brendan Carr](#)  
**To:** [Horowitz, Paul](#); [Botto, Ally](#); [Adam Jackman](#)  
**Cc:** [McCole, Finn](#); [Kelly, Bryan](#); [Lewittes, Lee](#); [Nitti, Jessica](#); [Murdock, Stewart Anne](#); [Croteau, Nicole](#)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL]: Fox & Friends Interview 7/27 @ 7:30am ET  
**Date:** Sunday, July 27, 2025 6:55:00 AM

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Thanks. One part of that worth hitting on is the FCC's recent approval of Skydance's acquisition of CBS. In that deal, the new owners of CBS have committed to significant changes, including addressing bias and focusing on fact-based reporting. That could help in restoring Americans' trust in media.

<https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DOC-413229A1.pdf>

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**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL]: Fox & Friends Interview 7/27 @ 7:30am ET

Good morning Chairman Carr,

Looking forward to having you on Fox & Friends this morning at 7:30AM ET.

The topics of discussion remain Trump launching an American A.I. Action Plan and an update on the FCC's investigation on censorship.

If you can give us an update on the investigation before the interview, that would be greatly appreciated.

Feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Best,  
Paul Horowitz

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**From:** Brendan Carr <Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 26, 2025 6:39 PM  
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**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL]: Fox & Friends Interview 7/27 @ 7:30am ET

Got it. Thanks.

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Hi Chairman Carr –

We're looking forward to having you on "Fox & Friends" at 7:30AM ET! Segment details are pasted below. If there's any issues in the morning, please reach out to our A.M. team directly.

**SHOW:** "Fox & Friends"

**DATE:** Sunday July 27th

**VCC LINK:** Will be emailed in the morning

**TOPIC:** Trump launches an American A.I. Action Plan and an update on the FCC's investigation on censorship

**Greenroom Contact:** Stewart Anne Murdock, 205-913-8980, [stewartanne.murdock@fox.com](mailto:stewartanne.murdock@fox.com).

**A.M. Back Up Emergency Contacts:** Lee Lewittes, Bryan Kelly, Finn McCole, Paul Horowitz: (212) 301-3800

Thank you!

Best,  
Ally Botto  
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**To:** [Newboles, Alec](#); [Adam Jackman](#)  
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**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL]: Chairman Carr on MediaBuzz 8/3

Hey Adam,

The link will not come from me, just fyi. Let me check with the tech team on that.

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**From:** Adam Jackman <Adam.Jackman@fcc.gov>  
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**Cc:** Brendan Carr <Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL]: Chairman Carr on MediaBuzz 8/3

Hey Alec,

Please let me know when you are able to send the link over. I have the Chairman cced here ready to go. Thanks!

Best,  
Adam

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**From:** Newboles, Alec <alec.newboles@fox.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 1, 2025 1:10:54 PM  
**To:** Adam Jackman <Adam.Jackman@fcc.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL]: Chairman Carr on MediaBuzz 8/3

And as promised, here's a quick list of what Howie wants to hit:

- FCC approving Skydance takeover
- CBS firing Colbert
- CBS naming ombudsman
- Trump taking on the media
- Commissioner Anna Gomez's dissent in Paramount deal

Happy to answer any questions!

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**From:** Adam Jackman <Adam.Jackman@fcc.gov>  
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**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL]: Chairman Carr on MediaBuzz 8/3

Great — thanks Alec!

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**To:** Adam Jackman <Adam.Jackman@fcc.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL]: Chairman Carr on MediaBuzz 8/3

That's totally fine. The tech team will send the link directly to him at 10:30a on Sunday for that test call, and that will be the same link for the interview. I'll have you CC'ed on that email, but ask that you **please don't click the link**. If anyone aside from the Chairman clicks it on a device other than the one he'll be using, it will become inactive and we'll need to troubleshoot.

I'll reach out to you later today with topics. Really appreciate your help with all of this!

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**From:** Adam Jackman <Adam.Jackman@fcc.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 31, 2025 5:41 PM  
**To:** Newboles, Alec <alec.newboles@fox.com>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL]: Chairman Carr on MediaBuzz 8/3

Hey Alec,

He should be able to do the test call at 10:30, but let me confirm with him on that. Let me know what time you will be sending the link for the interview and if that is the same one as the test call. The Chairman's email is [Brendan.carr@fcc.gov](mailto:Brendan.carr@fcc.gov) so you can include him on that.

On the location — the Chairman will be at home, so not sure he wants that location, even generally, being shared. Sorry about that. Keep me posted if anything else comes up.

Best,

**Adam Jackman**  
Director of Strategic Communications

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**From:** Newboles, Alec <[alec.newboles@fox.com](mailto:alec.newboles@fox.com)>  
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**To:** Adam Jackman <[Adam.Jackman@fcc.gov](mailto:Adam.Jackman@fcc.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL]: Chairman Carr on MediaBuzz 8/3

Just following up on a couple more things. First, would the Chairman be okay with a test call at 10:30a on Sunday, just to make sure the connection is solid and preempt any tech issues? He'll be able to hang up after a couple minutes and re-join ahead of the segment.

And second, can I bug you for a general location please? Howie likes to mention where the remote guests are joining from.

Thanks!

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Sure, sounds good

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**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL]: Chairman Carr on MediaBuzz 8/3

I think he'll be at home, so probably best to do zoom. Thanks!

**Adam Jackman**  
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**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL]: Chairman Carr on MediaBuzz 8/3

Not a problem! If I may ask, where will he be? We could potentially look into a nearby studio. Not opposed to Zoom if need be.

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**To:** Newboles, Alec <[alec.newboles@fox.com](mailto:alec.newboles@fox.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL]: Chairman Carr on MediaBuzz 8/3

Hey Alec –

We are confirmed for 11:30 on Sunday. Unfortunately, the Chairman cannot make it into the studio, but is happy to remote. Let me know if that works for you!

Best,

**Adam Jackman**

Director of Strategic Communications  
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Hey Adam!

Touching base on our rescheduled interview for Chairman Carr this Sunday. Currently, we're looking at 11:30a ET for the segment. Specific topics to come, but naturally, we'll want to dive into the FCC approving Skydance's purchase of Paramount.

Whenever you can, I'd like to confirm that the Chairman is able to join us on set at our DC bureau. We're happy to book him a car if he'd like.

Also happy to answer any questions. Appreciate your help!

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**To:** [Matthew Mittelstaedt](#); [Greg Watson](#)  
**Cc:** [Adam Jackman](#); [Katie McAuliffe](#); [Benjamin Arden](#); [Erin Boone](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Letter from Sen. Richard Blumenthal to FCC Chair Brendan Carr  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 5, 2025 11:24:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [Draft Chairman Carr Blumenthal Merger Response-BC.docx](#)

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Thanks – mostly some light edits from me.

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**Subject:** RE: Letter from Sen. Richard Blumenthal to FCC Chair Brendan Carr

Sir,

Attached is a draft reply to Senator Blumenthal's letter requesting documents.

Matt

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**From:** Matthew Mittelstaedt  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 29, 2025 11:04 AM  
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**Subject:** FW: Letter from Sen. Richard Blumenthal to FCC Chair Brendan Carr

Blumenthal letter requesting information related to the recent merger by Aug. 12.

Matt

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**From:** Blumenthal, PSI (HSGAC) <[PSI\\_Blumenthal@hsgac.senate.gov](mailto:PSI_Blumenthal@hsgac.senate.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 29, 2025 10:51 AM  
**To:** FCC OLA <[FCCOLA@fcc.gov](mailto:FCCOLA@fcc.gov)>  
**Cc:** Gaspar, Jennifer (HSGAC) <[Jennifer\\_Gaspar@hsgac.senate.gov](mailto:Jennifer_Gaspar@hsgac.senate.gov)>; Warner, Caitlin (HSGAC) <[Caitlin\\_Warner@hsgac.senate.gov](mailto:Caitlin_Warner@hsgac.senate.gov)>; Geise, John (HSGAC) <[John\\_Geise@hsgac.senate.gov](mailto:John_Geise@hsgac.senate.gov)>; d'Aubert, Lorenzo (HSGAC) <[Lorenzo\\_d'Aubert@hsgac.senate.gov](mailto:Lorenzo_d'Aubert@hsgac.senate.gov)>; Anderson, Collin (HSGAC) <[Collin\\_Anderson@hsgac.senate.gov](mailto:Collin_Anderson@hsgac.senate.gov)>; McElwain, Maria (Blumenthal) <[Maria\\_McElwain@blumenthal.senate.gov](mailto:Maria_McElwain@blumenthal.senate.gov)>; O'Keeffe, Kelly (Blumenthal) <[Kelly\\_O'Keeffe@blumenthal.senate.gov](mailto:Kelly_O'Keeffe@blumenthal.senate.gov)>  
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Good morning,

Attached is a letter for Mr. Brendan Carr, Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, from Ranking Member Richard Blumenthal of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations.

Please provide all material and information requested in the letter to the Subcommittee by no later than August 12, 2025. Please contact the Subcommittee with any questions.

Please confirm receipt.

Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations  
Senator Richard Blumenthal, Ranking Member  
(202) 224 - 9505  
[PSI\\_Blumenthal@hsgac.senate.gov](mailto:PSI_Blumenthal@hsgac.senate.gov)

**From:** [Brendan Carr](#)  
**To:** [Katie Gorscak](#); [Greg Watson](#); [Erin Boone](#); [Adam Jackman](#)  
**Cc:** [Will Wiquist](#)  
**Subject:** Re: MSNBC inquiry re: CBS and bias monitor  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 12, 2025 6:13:41 PM

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I would tell them that the ombudsman reports to the president of new paramount / cbs. You can then provide them with a link to the fcc order itself and that portion of the press conference.

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**Cc:** Will Wiquist <Will.Wiquist@fcc.gov>  
**Subject:** MSNBC inquiry re: CBS and bias monitor

Good afternoon, Chairman and others:

We received the following press inquiry this afternoon from MSNBC. I've included a recommendation below for your consideration. Please let us know if you have any concerns with this approach and then we can proceed accordingly.

### **MSNBC (Anthony Fisher)**

I'm a senior editor and columnist with MSNBC Digital, and I had a few questions I hope you could help me out with. Thanks in advance for your time and consideration.

-When Chairman Carr said the CBS News ombudsman would report issues "directly to the president," does that mean the president of new Paramount or President Trump? Or both?

-Will the FCC receive reports from the CBS News bias monitor?

-What would constitute sanctionable bias, in the view of the FCC?

-If the CBS bias monitor indicates bias, how would the FCC respond?

-Does Chairman Carr think the CBS News bias monitor should stay in place when a Democratic administration is in the White House?

-Would the FCC like to see bias monitors at other news organizations?

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(b) (5)



Regards,

Katie

**From:** [Brendan Carr](#)  
**To:** [Matthew Mittelstaedt](#)  
**Cc:** [Scott Delacourt](#); [Katie McAuliffe](#); [Katie Gorscak](#); [Adam Jackman](#); [Erin Boone](#); [Greg Watson](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Letter from Senator Schiff to FCC Chairman Carr  
**Date:** Monday, August 25, 2025 10:52:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [Chairman Carr Schiff Merger Letter DRAFT-BC.docx](#)

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Thanks – I can be signed off on the attached version.

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**Subject:** RE: Letter from Senator Schiff to FCC Chairman Carr

Attached is a (b) (5) letter attached with a few tweaks from the Blumenthal letter.

(b) (5)

Matt

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**From:** Greg Watson <[Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov](mailto:Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov)>  
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**Subject:** Fw: Letter from Senator Schiff to FCC Chairman Carr

We received this letter from Senator Schiff today. (b) (5)

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**To:** [Erin Boone](#)  
**Subject:** RE: For Review: ATSC 3.0 Processing PN  
**Date:** Friday, August 29, 2025 11:19:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [ATSC 3.0 Processing PN 8.27.2025-BC.docx](#)  
[press release ATSC-BC.docx](#)

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Thanks – (b) (5)

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**From:** Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 27, 2025 3:34 PM  
**To:** Brendan Carr <Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov>  
**Subject:** For Review: ATSC 3.0 Processing PN

Chairman,  
Attached is the ATSC 3.0 processing PN and press release for your review. (b) (5)

Once you are happy with this, we can plan to get it out as early as (b) (5), whatever you prefer.

Thanks,

Erin Boone  
Senior Counsel – Media & Enforcement  
Office of FCC Chairman Brendan Carr  
Acting Chief, Media Bureau  
202-418-0736 | [erin.boone@fcc.gov](mailto:erin.boone@fcc.gov)

**From:** [Courtney Cowper](#) on behalf of [Brendan Carr](#)  
**To:** [Greg Watson](#)  
**Subject:** Meeting: CTIA Wireless Foundation Catalyst Program Award Winners

Staff:

Greg Watson

Topic:

CTIA Wireless Foundation Catalyst program awards competitive grants for entrepreneurs using the power of 5G to address create additional opportunities in American communities. This year's winners are delivering 5G and wireless-enabled innovations to improve outcomes related to healthcare, financial literacy, and college admissions counseling.

Participants:

\* Cecilia Corral, Co-Founder & CSO, CareMessage <[https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A\\_\\_www.caremessage.org\\_&d=DwMFAg&c=y0h0omCe0jAUGr4gAQ02Fw&r=bTcZAOm-DpbJOafPdU8JJeYRweIw175kCLRPRE921do&m=4zKpZu8ebkRPESe63XWW83AqiGovhNmQCfioTfoF8aTacDzb46YQVnm9F4XWT5yK&s=p5iUuVTAJaeVMmJk37pH6yTFXVcMMH-kEbJl0MiRw4&c=>](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.caremessage.org_&d=DwMFAg&c=y0h0omCe0jAUGr4gAQ02Fw&r=bTcZAOm-DpbJOafPdU8JJeYRweIw175kCLRPRE921do&m=4zKpZu8ebkRPESe63XWW83AqiGovhNmQCfioTfoF8aTacDzb46YQVnm9F4XWT5yK&s=p5iUuVTAJaeVMmJk37pH6yTFXVcMMH-kEbJl0MiRw4&c=>)> : A mobile platform for patient engagement, using AI-enhanced SMS text messaging to increase positive health outcomes for low-income populations.  
\* AJ Protin, Co-Founder & Executive Director, Rooted <[https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A\\_\\_www.rootedapp.org\\_&d=DwMFAg&c=y0h0omCe0jAUGr4gAQ02Fw&r=bTcZAOm-DpbJOafPdU8JJeYRweIw175kCLRPRE921do&m=4zKpZu8ebkRPESe63XWW83AqiGovhNmQCfioTfoF8aTacDzb46YQVnm9F4XWT5yK&s=YnxrrXialGN\\_8YvDfpggzMK5YB\\_UZ2YUDfww6bhLiRo&c=>](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.rootedapp.org_&d=DwMFAg&c=y0h0omCe0jAUGr4gAQ02Fw&r=bTcZAOm-DpbJOafPdU8JJeYRweIw175kCLRPRE921do&m=4zKpZu8ebkRPESe63XWW83AqiGovhNmQCfioTfoF8aTacDzb46YQVnm9F4XWT5yK&s=YnxrrXialGN_8YvDfpggzMK5YB_UZ2YUDfww6bhLiRo&c=>)> : A mobile platform for mortgage readiness, connecting users to expert coaching via SMS text messaging to drive gains in financial stability, homeownership and wealth creation.  
\* Tiffany Green, Founder & CEO, Uprooted Academy <[https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A\\_\\_www.uprootedacademy.org\\_&d=DwMFAg&c=y0h0omCe0jAUGr4gAQ02Fw&r=bTcZAOm-DpbJOafPdU8JJeYRweIw175kCLRPRE921do&m=4zKpZu8ebkRPESe63XWW83AqiGovhNmQCfioTfoF8aTacDzb46YQVnm9F4XWT5yK&s=qzNubDR-qwFeBbEczZLVcBhnh7E9XFPuowequm9UQ&c=>](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.uprootedacademy.org_&d=DwMFAg&c=y0h0omCe0jAUGr4gAQ02Fw&r=bTcZAOm-DpbJOafPdU8JJeYRweIw175kCLRPRE921do&m=4zKpZu8ebkRPESe63XWW83AqiGovhNmQCfioTfoF8aTacDzb46YQVnm9F4XWT5yK&s=qzNubDR-qwFeBbEczZLVcBhnh7E9XFPuowequm9UQ&c=>)> : A mobile platform and AI-powered SMS text message coaching system for low-income students as they complete the college application and admissions process.  
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Original Email:

Hello Arpan, Danielle, Courtney, Carlos, and Rhonda,

We are reaching out because CTIA's Wireless Foundation will soon announce the 2025 winners of our competitive grants program Catalyst <[https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A\\_\\_www.wirelessfoundation.org\\_catalyst&d=DwMFAg&c=y0h0omCe0jAUGr4gAQ02Fw&r=bTcZAOm-DpbJOafPdU8JJeYRweIw175kCLRPRE921do&m=4zKpZu8ebkRPESe63XWW83AqiGovhNmQCfioTfoF8aTacDzb46YQVnm9F4XWT5yK&s=RdzKcW4itGENIs6vX\\_U3KvqFSAasn\\_njCH9gt04m0s&c=>](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.wirelessfoundation.org_catalyst&d=DwMFAg&c=y0h0omCe0jAUGr4gAQ02Fw&r=bTcZAOm-DpbJOafPdU8JJeYRweIw175kCLRPRE921do&m=4zKpZu8ebkRPESe63XWW83AqiGovhNmQCfioTfoF8aTacDzb46YQVnm9F4XWT5yK&s=RdzKcW4itGENIs6vX_U3KvqFSAasn_njCH9gt04m0s&c=>)> and we would like to invite Chairman Carr (and you) to meet with the Catalyst winners when they are in Washington, D.C. during the week of September 15th. We would also like to invite you to attend CTIA's Catalyst awards ceremony and Fall Happy Hour on the evening of September 18th.

You may recall that the CTIA Wireless Foundation Catalyst program awards competitive grants for entrepreneurs using the power of 5G to address create additional opportunities in American communities. This year's winners – CareMessage, CareHome Health Solutions, Rooted, and Uprooted Academy – are delivering 5G and wireless-enabled innovations to improve outcomes related to healthcare, financial literacy, and college admissions counseling. Additional background on the Catalyst program and this year's winners is below and attached.

The founders of the Catalyst winners will be in Washington, D.C. the week of September 15th and we would like to invite Chairman Carr to meet with them in person on September 16th or 17th while they are visiting. If the Chairman is not available to meet on these dates, we would be happy to have a meeting with you to meet with them, and we would be happy to schedule a virtual meeting with the Chairman at another date, if of interest. Please let us know if the Chairman or you would be interested in scheduling a meeting to meet our winners and if you are able to attend the Catalyst awards ceremony on September 18th.

Please let us know if you have any questions or need more information and thank you for your continued support as we work to honor social innovators leveraging wireless to improve their communities.

Best, Scott Bergmann

**From:** "Brendan Carr" <Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov>

**To:** "Drema Johnson" <Drema.Johnson@fcc.gov>

**Subject:** FCC transportation departure

**Date:** Tue, 21 Jan 2025 17:29:00 -0000

**Importance:** Normal

**Attachments:** unnamed

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Trip date 1/23/24 going to The Palm (11:40-1:10); covered.

*Regards,*

*Willie "Lamont" Harris, Contractor*

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**From:** "Brendan Carr" <Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov>  
**To:** "Erin Boone" <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>  
**Bcc:** "10FL – Exec. Conf. Rm. 10.232 (22 Seats)" <10.232LargeConfRm@fcc.gov>  
**Subject:** meeting with Salem's Co-founder and Executive Chairman of the Board, Edward Atsinger, Nic Anderson, Salem Media Group  
**Date:** Fri, 31 Jan 2025 18:08:12 -0000  
**Importance:** Normal  
**Attachments:** unnamed  
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Yes, 1pm on Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup> is confirmed on our end. Edward Atsinger will be in attendance for this meeting, along with our CEO, David Santrella.

Thank you, Drema, and please extend my sincere appreciation to both the Chairman and Erin for this opportunity.

Nic

**From:** Drema Johnson <Drema.Johnson@fcc.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 31, 2025 11:22 AM  
**To:** Nic Anderson <nic.anderson@salemmedia.com>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL]: RE: Salem Media Greetings, Introduction, and Meeting Request

Hi Nic

Chairman Carr is available on Thursday, February 13 at 1pm. Please let me know if that works. Thanks! Drema

**From:** Nic Anderson <Nic.anderson@salemmedia.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 31, 2025 11:49 AM  
**To:** Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL]: RE: Salem Media Greetings, Introduction, and Meeting Request

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Greetings Erin,

I know it's been a busy week, and the last thing you need is another email from me—but here I am! As you review the Chairman's schedule, I wanted to offer additional flexibility. In *addition* to Wednesday morning, February 12, I can also make Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup> work before 1pm. If Thursday is a better fit, I've secured approval from our leadership team to adjust their travel plans accordingly.

Again, really appreciate the consideration and your time!

Nic

**From:** Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2025 12:52 PM  
**To:** Nic Anderson <Nic.anderson@salemmedia.com>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL]: RE: Salem Media Greetings, Introduction, and Meeting Request

Hi Nic,

As I know you know, we are a bit under water but we are working on getting you an answer soon!

Erin Boone  
Senior Counsel – Media & Enforcement  
Office of FCC Chairman Brendan Carr  
Acting Chief, Media Bureau  
202-418-0736 | [erin.boone@fcc.gov](mailto:erin.boone@fcc.gov)

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**From:** Nic Anderson <[Nic.anderson@salemmedia.com](mailto:Nic.anderson@salemmedia.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2025 1:49 PM  
**To:** Erin Boone <[Erin.Boone@fcc.gov](mailto:Erin.Boone@fcc.gov)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]: RE: Salem Media Greetings, Introduction, and Meeting Request

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Greetings, Erin-

I just wanted to follow up with the email that I sent to you this past Monday afternoon concerning a meeting request with Chairman Carr with Salem Media's CEO, David Santrella, and possibly our Cofounder and Chairman of the Board, Edward Atsinger.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Nic

**From:** Nic Anderson  
**Sent:** Monday, January 27, 2025 3:57 PM  
**To:** [erin.boone@fcc.gov](mailto:erin.boone@fcc.gov)  
**Subject:** Salem Media Greetings, Introduction, and Meeting Request

Dear Erin,

Good Thursday to you! My name is Nic Anderson, and I am privileged to serve as Vice President of Government Affairs for Salem Media Group. Rick Kaplan at the NAB kindly shared your contact information with me, as I also serve on the NAB Radio Board and NAB Joint Board of Directors. While I've reached out to Drema Johnson a few times over the past couple of weeks, Rick recommended I contact you directly given your new leadership role within the Media Bureau.

If you're unfamiliar with Salem Media Group, here's a brief overview: Salem owns and operates 82 radio stations nationwide, focusing exclusively on conservative news/talk and Christian teaching/talk formats. We also syndicate *Salem Radio Network (SRN)* programming to nearly 3,100 stations, featuring prominent shows like *The Dennis Prager Show*, *The Hugh Hewitt Show*, *The Charlie Kirk Show*, *The Larry Elder Show*, and *SRN News*. Under SRN, we also operate the Salem Podcast Network, which features prominent hosts such as *Charlie Kirk*, *Trish Regan*, *Lara Trump*, and *Dinesh D'Souza*. Beyond radio, Salem has a strong digital and video presence, owning platforms such as *Townhall*, *HotAir*, *PJMedia*, and *RedState*, as well as video outlets like the *Salem News Channel (SNC)*, a 24/7 streaming network, and *SalemNow*, an on-demand video platform.

As an organization, Salem deeply values Chairman Carr's steadfast dedication to the Commission. We greatly appreciate his consistent efforts to champion local radio, protect the First Amendment, and hold Big Tech accountable. We are enthusiastic about another four years with President Trump in the White House and an FCC Commission led by Chairman Carr.

My initial request to Ms. Johnson was to arrange a meeting with Chairman Carr during our upcoming trip to Washington, D.C., for the NAB Board Meetings, specifically the morning of Wednesday, February 12. While I've had the pleasure of meeting Chairman Carr at past events, our CEO, David Santrella, has not, and he has specifically requested this opportunity. Additionally, late last week, Salem's Co-founder and Executive Chairman of the Board, Edward Atsinger,

expressed interest in meeting with Chairman Carr as well, if his schedule permits. Both Ed and Dave are based in Camarillo, California, and while Ed has not yet met the Chairman in person, I understand they recently connected by phone. FCC FOIA No: 2025-000888 001471

I fully understand that this request comes at a time of significant transition. However, having both Dave and potentially Ed in Washington is rare, and I want to make the most of this opportunity. A meeting with Chairman Carr remains at the top of our list.

Thank you in advance for considering this request, and please let me know if I can provide any additional details to facilitate scheduling.

Nic

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**Nic Anderson**

Vice President, Government Affairs

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MAIL [Nic.Anderson@SalemMedia.com](mailto:Nic.Anderson@SalemMedia.com)

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**From:** "Brendan Carr" <Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov>

**To:** "Greg Watson" <Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov>, "Matthew Mittelstaedt" <Matthew.Mittelstaedt@fcc.gov>, "Drema Johnson" <Drema.Johnson@fcc.gov>

**Subject:** FCC transportation departure

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**From:** "Brendan Carr" <Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov>

**To:** "Greg Watson" <Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov>

**Subject:** Ted Hearn Policyband Interview (In Person)

**Date:** Wed, 19 Feb 2025 14:43:56 -0000

**Importance:** Normal

**Attachments:** unnamed

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Time: 30 MIN

Location: In-Person

Topics: Read Below

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### **Carr interview with Policyband**

Some who egged on Big Tech to ban or marginalize conservative opinion now say you are a threat to the First Amendment because you want to know, for example, if NPR and PBS are selling ads. What's your reaction?

Some are saying the FCC is "weaponizing" government against major First Amendment actors: ABC, NBC, CBS, PBS, NRP, Comcast, and Disney. Why are they wrong?

### **Big Tech**

Can you discuss specific steps in mind to rein the Big Tech "censorship cartel."

### **Supreme Court**

If SCOTUS affirms the 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit, what in your view should happen next?

Should Congress seize the opportunity to make Big Tech contribute?

### **Loper Bright**

Do you have concerns to that Loper Bright might frustrate your policy goals?

### **White House**

What is the impact of Monday's Executive Order aimed at independent agencies like the FCC?

Do you know how many FCC employees took the buyout?

Is DOGE going to audit the FCC?

### **BEAD**

Do you support a methodology that says something like if fiber costs more than \$4,000 per location, states need to find a less expensive technology?

Do you think Starlink could handle all of BEAD's unserved locations?

### **Courts**

Discuss Net Neutrality in the courts

Discuss digital discrimination in the courts

## **Mobile phone unlocking**

Do you expect to call a vote soon on automatic 60-day unlocking of all new mobile phones or something close to that?

## **“Break Glass” Moment for TV stations**

Discuss TV station ownership in the courts.

Can FCC raise or abolish the 39% TV station cap?

Is there a timeline for potentially relaxing local ownership rules?

Do you support classifying YouTube TV as a Title VI cable operator?

## **Spectrum**

How do you view the conflict between those that want licensed spectrum with those desirous of some kind of sharing regime?

## **DEI**

Is DEI to you a proxy for racial and political-orientation quotas in the hiring and promotion practices of industries regulated by the FCC. To you, does DEI mean: White conservative males need not apply? Where does DEI violate civil rights laws and FCC's EEO rules?

## **Copper theft:**

Seems like AT&T has a terrible copper theft problem in the Dallas-Forth Worth market. And it is not alone with this problem. What can FCC do?

## **Network security.**

What can government do to ensure networks keep working during natural disasters. Is it too big an ask because nature is so powerful?

## **Alaska**

In the past three years, Alaska has had three serious subsea fiber tears. One going on now can't be addressed until late summer because of darkness and thick ice. Are you concerned about that fiber might be future proof but not Alaska proof?

## **FCC Meetings:**

What's your policy on allowing FCC Commissioners to participate in open meetings remotely? Absent an emergency, shouldn't all Commissioners be present?

Why is it appropriate for Commissioners to read statements aloud in English and Spanish. Shouldn't it be one but not both? Is there some limiting principle?

**From:** "Brendan Carr" <Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov>

**To:** "Matthew Mittelstaedt" <Matthew.Mittelstaedt@fcc.gov>, "Drema Johnson" <Drema.Johnson@fcc.gov>

**Subject:** FCC Transportation Departure

**Date:** Thu, 20 Feb 2025 15:22:22 -0000

**Importance:** Normal

**Attachments:** unnamed

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A car is reserved for The Chair on Feb. 26 to Cannon HOB, leaving at 12noon and returning at 1:45pm.

**From:** Drema Johnson <[Drema.Johnson@fcc.gov](mailto:Drema.Johnson@fcc.gov)>

**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2025 9:53 AM

**To:** Cars <[Cars@fcc.gov](mailto:Cars@fcc.gov)>; Willie Harris (CTR) <[Willie.Harris.CTR@fcc.gov](mailto:Willie.Harris.CTR@fcc.gov)>

**Subject:** Transportation for Chairman Brendan Carr, February 26, 2025

**Importance:** High

**From:** "Brendan Carr" <Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov>

**To:** "Greg Watson" <Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov>

**Subject:** Sean Spicer Podcast (Virtual)

**Date:** Mon, 17 Mar 2025 19:15:36 -0000

**Importance:** Normal

**Attachments:** unnamed

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Topics:

Deregulating FCC — <https://x.com/BrendanCarrFCC/status/1899862730909037043/photo/1>

Section 320

Big tech fake support

CBS

YouTube TV - <https://x.com/BrendanCarrFCC/status/1898088195675283501>

**From:** [Brendan Carr](#)  
**To:** [Adam Jackman](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL]: INTERVIEW REQUEST—Morning Wire  
**Date:** Sunday, February 9, 2025 9:56:32 PM

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**From:** Lisa Bacon (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 9, 2025 9:50 PM  
**To:** Brendan Carr <Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]: INTERVIEW REQUEST—Morning Wire

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Hello Brendan,  
First of all let me congratulate you on being named FCC chairman since we last spoke.

We at Daily Wire have been following all your actions. Thank you for releasing the Kamala Harris 60 Minutes transcript and interview as well.

We'd love to speak to you this week about NPR and other actions you'll be taking.

Our interviews are audio only and last 10-15 minutes.

Please let me know if you have time for us this week.

Best,  
Lisa

Lisa Bacon  
Executive Producer | Daily Wire  
818.324.2599  
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Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Brendan Carr](#)  
**To:** [Adam Jackman](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL]: Media Query  
**Date:** Monday, February 3, 2025 5:11:00 PM

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**From:** Liam Scott <[LScott@voanews.com](mailto:LScott@voanews.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 3, 2025 5:09 PM  
**To:** Brendan Carr <[Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov](mailto:Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL]: Media Query

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Hi Chairman Carr.

Thanks for your quick reply.

My apologies, but to clarify, will you be able to comment on the points I outlined in my email? Or are you by any chance available for an interview in the coming days?

Thanks so much.

Best,  
Liam

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Voice of America

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**From:** Brendan Carr <[Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov](mailto:Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 3, 2025 5:02 PM  
**To:** Liam Scott <[LScott@voanews.com](mailto:LScott@voanews.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL]: Media Query

Thank you for your note, Liam. Will have some more actions on the broadcast side to share in the future.

- Brendan

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**From:** Liam Scott <[LScott@voanews.com](mailto:LScott@voanews.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 3, 2025 4:48 PM  
**To:** Brendan Carr <[Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov](mailto:Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]: Media Query

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Hi Chairman Carr. I hope you're well.

My name is Liam Scott, and I'm a reporter at VOA.

I'm reaching out because I'm reporting on how the FCC has launched investigations into PBS and NPR; reinstated complaints against CBS, NBC and ABC that the previous FCC chairperson dismissed on the grounds of free speech; and requested raw material from CBS's 60 Minutes interview with Kamala Harris.

I'm hoping you or an FCC representative can respond to the following that came up during my reporting:

- That media experts and current and former FCC commissioners have expressed concern about the scope and rapid succession of these inquiries
- That they have expressed concern that the inquiries may be an attempt to intimidate news outlets, especially considering many of the involved outlets have faced criticism from President Donald Trump and his administration
- That some experts have called the moves partisan
- That news outlets typically don't need to turn over reporting materials unless they are subpoenaed
- That during his presidential campaign, Trump threatened to weaponize the FCC to target outlets whose coverage he disliked

My deadline is tomorrow, Feb. 4, at 5 PM ET.

I would also be happy to talk about this in an interview, if possible.

Thank you. I appreciate your help.

Best,  
Liam Scott

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**From:** [Brendan Carr](#)  
**To:** [Stephanie Chambless](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL]: washpost inquiry: newsguard and the "censorship cartel"  
**Date:** Monday, January 27, 2025 12:32:00 PM

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**From:** Brendan Carr <Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 23, 2024 11:40 AM  
**To:** Oremus, Will <Will.Oremus@washpost.com>  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL]: washpost inquiry: newsguard and the "censorship cartel"

Thanks, Will. Yep, I have received letter responses back from all four of those companies. I have not made those letter public at this point.

In terms of NewsGuard, they seem to have a very odd level of obsession of Newsmax. My concerns is with the censorship cartel and NewsGuard is certainly a piece of that. I am very interested in addressing that broader issue. Newsmax may or may not be happy with their ranking, but I leave it to them to address that issue.

In terms of whether the companies that I wrote work with NewsGuard, my understanding before I wrote the letter was that some of them don't work with NewsGuard or at least don't have a direct business relationship. But I wrote them all (a) because I think those four have been a big part of the censorship cartel and my letter makes some non-NewsGuard points about that and (b) I wanted confirmation from the ones that I did not think worked with NewsGuard that they don't actually work with NewsGuard. My questions asked about their work "if any" with NewsGuard. Their responses are consistent with what I thought. The one response that stood out to me, though, was Microsoft. They are really much more tied up with NewsGuard than the others. I was glad to see that Meta has said that they have turned down requests from NewsGuard for partnerships to work together.

- Brendan

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**From:** Oremus, Will <[Will.Oremus@washpost.com](mailto:Will.Oremus@washpost.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 20, 2024 3:22 PM  
**To:** Brendan Carr <[Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov](mailto:Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL]: washpost inquiry: newsguard and the "censorship cartel"

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Brendan, I meant to thank you earlier for the response. I just wanted to follow up on a couple specifics as we finalize the story.

1. Have you heard back from any of the tech platforms?

2. Your letter asserted that Meta, Google, Apple and Microsoft work with NewsGuard. But Meta and Google told us they do not work with NewsGuard. Is it possible your information was mistaken on that point, as NewsGuard asserts?
3. NewsGuard has suggested that a conservative outlet, Newsmax, has been encouraging Republican representatives and regulators to go after NewsGuard, including you, and gives prominent coverage when they do. He implied Newsmax is unhappy with its 20% rating from NewsGuard. Any comment on that assertion?

Thanks again,

Will

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**From:** Brendan Carr <[Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov](mailto:Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov)>

**Sent:** Friday, December 13, 2024 1:04 PM

**To:** Oremus, Will <[Will.Oremus@washpost.com](mailto:Will.Oremus@washpost.com)>

**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL]: washpost inquiry: newsguard and the "censorship cartel"

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Thanks, Will. I'm not sure I will get a window to call on this. But suffice to say that NewsGuard's response and its conduct since I raised these issue a few weeks back has only heightened and underscored my concerns. NewsGuard's response is a jumble of disinformation, deception, and sleight of hand. In other words, it mirrors NewsGuard's business model, in my opinion.

For instance, in their initial response to my letter, NewsGuard told the press that "every claim in his letter about us is false." If NewsGuard's rating system were truly reliable, they would be compelled to score that NewsGuard claim as 0.00.

My letter stated that one of the people NewsGuard put on their Advisory Board signed the former intel officials' letter on the Hunter Biden laptop. That is true, not false. My letter stated that NewsGuard is the subject of an ongoing investigation by a congressional committee for its impact on First Amendment speech. That is true, not false. My letter stated that NewsGuard rates CCP propaganda outlets higher on their reliability score than U.S. based publications. That is true, not false. And NewsGuard has subsequently added some additional and unhinged claims, including about the sources and bases for my focus on NewsGuard's role in the censorship cartel.

For an organization that has positioned itself as an arbiter of Internet truth, it is very concerning that their responses rely so heavily on a mélange of misdirection and misinformation. I will be following up with NewsGuard directly.

- Brendan

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**From:** Oremus, Will <[Will.Oremus@washpost.com](mailto:Will.Oremus@washpost.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 12, 2024 4:47 PM  
**To:** Brendan Carr <[Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov](mailto:Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov)>  
**Cc:** Inquiry.Carr <[Inquiry.Carr@fcc.gov](mailto:Inquiry.Carr@fcc.gov)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]: washpost inquiry: newsguard and the "censorship cartel"

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Hi Commissioner Carr,

I'm working on a story for the Washington Post that looks at how NewsGuard, which presents itself as an objective source of news credibility ratings, has become a villain to you and some others on the right who see it as facilitating the suppression of conservative views online.

We're planning to mention and quote from your letter to the tech platforms. We're also talking with NewsGuard, which argues that key claims in your letter are misinformed or rest on false premises. Are you open to speaking by phone for a few minutes sometime this evening or tomorrow (Friday) about your views on NewsGuard; what the response to your letter has been so far, including from the tech platforms; and what you see as the FCC's authority to regulate things like fact-checking or news credibility ratings?

Thanks,

Will

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Will Oremus

Technology reporter

The Washington Post

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**From:** [Brendan Carr](#)  
**To:** [Adam Jackman](#); [Greg Watson](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL]: WSJ letter  
**Date:** Monday, February 10, 2025 11:30:00 AM

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I think (b) (5)

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**From:** Nicholas Tomaino <nicholas.tomaino@wsj.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 10, 2025 11:12 AM  
**To:** Brendan Carr <Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]: WSJ letter

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Dear Brendan,  
I hope you're well. Please let me know if you'd like to write a letter in response to our editorial. You could draft up to around 350 words.  
Thanks, and best,  
Nick Tomaino

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**From:** [Brendan Carr](#)  
**To:** [Stephanie Chambless](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Carr Letter to NewsGuard 12.15.24  
**Date:** Monday, January 27, 2025 12:31:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [Carr Letter to NewsGuard 12.15.24.docx](#)

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**Subject:** Carr Letter to NewsGuard 12.15.24

Here is a first cut at the response to NG. Sorry for how long it took to get this over.  
Happy to discuss points to shore up tomorrow.

Arpan



**From:** [Brendan Carr](#)  
**To:** [Matthew Mittelstaedt](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Incoming Congressional Correspondence for Today  
**Date:** Thursday, January 30, 2025 11:57:02 AM  
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**Subject:** Incoming Congressional Correspondence for Today

Rep. Greg Stanton – RDOF

- Writes regarding the deployment of RDOF and the BEAD programs and the impact access to high-speed internet.

- Poses questions.
- Requests a response by December 13, 2024.

Sen. Martin Heinrich, et al. – E-rate

- Write in support of Albuquerque Public Schools' application to the Commissions' Cybersecurity Pilot Program.
- States that the funding will enable the to enhance its cybersecurity posture, modernize identity and credential management, and implement an advanced Security Incident and Event Management system.

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Congress of the United States  
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December 2, 2024

The Honorable Jessica Rosenworcel  
Chairwoman  
Federal Communications Commission  
45 L Street, N.E.  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairwoman Rosenworcel:

I write regarding the deployment of the Rural Digital Opportunity Funding (RDOF) and the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) programs and the impact on Arizonans' access to high-speed internet.

The deployment of these federal programs is a once in a generation opportunity to connect all of Arizona—improving access to health care, education, and economic opportunity. This is especially important to our Tribal communities – many of whom do not have access to broadband technology unlike residents in urban areas. Arizona has been allocated nearly one billion dollars<sup>1</sup> through the BEAD program alone to close this digital divide.

The BEAD program does not allow for funding to be utilized in locations that are receiving RDOF funding.<sup>2</sup> However, there is some concern that existing RDOF contracts will not be fully executed, and the timeline will line up in a way that could preclude unserved locations from taking advantage of this BEAD opportunity.

I write to request that you provide written answers no later than December 13, 2024, to the following questions.

- RDOF providers must complete 40% of deployments by the end of year three of their authorization. If RDOF providers do not reach this milestone, could those areas be released in Arizona with enough time to be eligible for BEAD funding?
- What is the strategy for the second phase of RDOF? Will there be any communication with the incoming administration on how soon phase two will begin? How will areas that do not receive service through the first phase of RDOF and through BEAD be accounted for?

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

  
Greg Stanton  
Member of Congress

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ntia.gov/press-release/2024/biden-harris-administration-approves-arizonas-internet-all-initial-proposal>

<sup>2</sup> [https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/sites/default/files/202307/BEAD\\_Frequently\\_Asked\\_Questions\\_Version\\_3.0.pdf](https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/sites/default/files/202307/BEAD_Frequently_Asked_Questions_Version_3.0.pdf)

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December 3, 2024

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The Honorable Jessica Rosenworcel  
Chairwoman  
Federal Communications Commission  
45 L Street NE  
Washington, DC 20554

*RE: Federal Communications Commission, Cybersecurity Pilot Program (Report FCC24-63),  
Albuquerque Public Schools*

Dear Chairwoman Rosenworcel:

Members of the New Mexico Delegation write in support of Albuquerque Public Schools' (APS) application to the Federal Communications Commission's Cybersecurity Pilot Program. This funding will enable APS to enhance its cybersecurity posture, modernize identity and credential management, and implement an advanced Security Incident and Event Management (SIEM) system to protect critical educational and administrative resources.

APS, the largest public-school district in New Mexico, serves a student population across a wide range of urban, rural, and socioeconomically diverse communities. The funding will be used to address critical vulnerabilities in the district's cybersecurity framework, primarily through improved Identity, Credential, and Access Management and the deployment of SIEM tools to detect, assess, and respond to cybersecurity threats.

The proposed SIEM system, coupled with enhanced identity verification measures, will allow APS to monitor and respond to threats in real time, increasing the overall resilience and safety of the district's digital assets. Given the scale of APS's operations and the legacy systems in

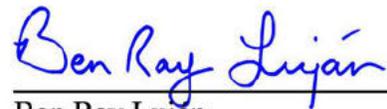
use, this modernization effort is essential to protect sensitive student and faculty data, ensure secure access, and enable the district to maintain a resilient, proactive defense against emerging cyber threats.

We support Albuquerque Public Schools' proposal and request that you give their application full consideration under your agency's guidelines. Please notify us when a decision has been made regarding this application.

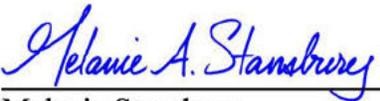
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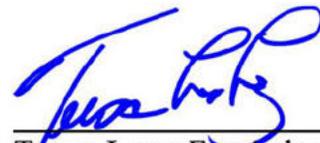
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**From:** [Brendan Carr](#)  
**To:** [Matthew Mittelstaedt](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Press inquiries - 1/28 a.m.  
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**Cc:** Will Wiquist <Will.Wiquist@fcc.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Press inquiries - 1/28 a.m.

Here are the latest inquiries since my last email.

**Politico (John Hendel)**

Inquiry: OMB lists USF programs here, in this new 52 page doc: <https://www.politico.com/f/?id=00000194-ad9c-de9c-a5b6-efbd29400000> Any FCC comment about what this means? Is funding going to be frozen for these USF programs? It also mentions the Supply Chain Reimbursement Program. Is that now on hold?

**EdWeek (David Rauf)**

Inquiry: I'm a reporter with [EdWeek Market Brief](#). We're Education Week's sister publication, and focus on the K-12 marketplace (K-12 business reporting, essentially). Can you guys tell us if the president's new order applies to E-rate and USF programs? If so, what is the plan/what is going to happen with disbursements that are still pending? And is the FCC planning to comment — via press release or some other manner — on what's happening with E-rate and the federal grant pause?

**Politico (Maggie Miller)**

Inquiry: I am a cybersecurity reporter for Politico, and I am reaching out in regards to a piece I am writing on the cyber/tech impacts of the pending freeze on federal funding announced by President Trump. I saw that the FCC's Universal Service Fund is on the list of programs to be reviewed and potentially temporarily frozen. Can you confirm that this program will be frozen, and does the FCC have any comment on planning to assist those who use the fund in the meantime?

**Telecompetitor (Ian Doescher)**

Inquiry: I'm the Managing Editor of Telecompetitor, a news website for the rural broadband industry. Can you please let me know what proposed rulemaking plan this release refers to?

OMR Rec: (b) (5)



**The Wrap (Lucas Manfredi)**

Inquiry: Just following up on this. Also looking to confirm reporting by Bloomberg that Brendan Carr would be open to a CFIUS review of the Paramount-Skydance transaction and if he plans to follow through on that and was curious if Carr would be available for an interview to elaborate on what he's looking for in his review of the transaction.

**Communications Daily (Monty Tayloe)**

Inquiry: Are these offices still operating?(OCBO, OWD, and ONAP)

**Variety (Cynthia Littleton)**

Inquiry: Hi — checking in on this? I can't recall another time that I got absolutely no response when sending through to the general media relations query? (requesting an interview)

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**From:** Katie Gorscak

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 28, 2025 11:11 AM

**To:** Brendan Carr <Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov>; Greg Watson <Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov>

**Cc:** Will Wiquist <Will.Wiquist@fcc.gov>

**Subject:** Press inquiries - 1/28 a.m.

Here is the latest tranche of press inquiries received by the Office of Media Relations. Flagging the first four which are all related. (b) (5)

**TR Daily (Lynn Stanton)**

Inquiry: Will FCC be pausing USF support in response to OMB memo?

**Cablefax (Amy Maclean)**

Inquiry: Trying to understanding what this pause on federal funding could mean for a program like Lifeline, where companies get the money then credit customers. What money would be put on pause at the FCC? Rip and Replace? RDOF? E-Rate?

**Communications Daily (Jimm Phillips)**

Inquiry: Can the FCC clarify how President Trump's Monday memo ordering all federal agencies to "temporarily pause all activities related to obligation or disbursement of all Federal financial assistance" affects the commission's programs?

**Politico (John Hendel)**

Inquiry: Any comment on the [new spending freeze from OMB](#) and any sense of what this may mean (or not mean) for the FCC? Is the FCC planning any spending changes as a result? The newsroom is trying to get a handle on what types of spending and agencies may be affected and welcome any insight into whether this will affect FCC operations.

**Politico (John Hendel)**

Inquiry: I hear the FCC may be investigating this Bay Area CBS station in regard to this apparent situation: <https://x.com/mrandyngo/status/1883714631274795029?s=46>. Is that true? Any comment on any FCC inquiry and are there any FCC rules this may have violated? What information is the FCC seeking, if it is, and what are the stakes?

OMR Rec: (b) (5)

### **The Economist (Sarah Wild)**

Inquiry: I'm working on a story for The Economist about atmospheric pollution upon satellite re-entry. I understand that this issue has been raised with the FCC before and I've seen the FCC's [letter to the US Senate](#). Has any progress been made on this matter? Does the FCC plan to slow or pause its satellite launch approvals in light of these environmental concerns?

OMR Rec: (b) (5).

### **Business Insider (Elizabeth McCauley) – deadline 2/3**

Inquiry: I'm a video journalist at Business Insider. I'm currently working on a video that will discuss the impact of 5G mobile networks, both in terms of the potential impacts of radiofrequency radiation as well as environmental impacts of network densification. Would someone at FCC be available to provide written comment on the below?

My questions:

- In *Environmental Health Trust v. FCC*, I understand the court ruled the FCC failed to provide a reasoned explanation for its determination that its guidelines adequately protect against the harmful effects of exposure to radiofrequency radiation unrelated to cancer. What processes has the FCC undertaken since then to address this? Has the FCC provided an updated explanation? Or is that still underway?
- We plan to mention in this video a report by former FCC attorney Erica Rosenberg, "Environmental Procedures at the FCC: A Case Study in Corporate Capture." She writes that the FCC "intentionally and routinely fails to meet its environmental obligations and epitomizes 'regulatory capture'" and that it "treats environmental laws as obstacles to be circumvented or ignored." Did the FCC issue a formal response to this report at the time? And/or do you wish to respond to these statements now?
- Does the FCC conduct any monitoring of ambient levels of RF-EMF in public spaces?

OMR Rec: (b) (5).

**From:** [Brendan Carr](#)  
**To:** [Greg Watson](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Press inquiries, 2/3 p.m.  
**Date:** Friday, February 7, 2025 12:24:00 PM

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I don't think I'm getting these anymore

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**From:** Katie Gorscak <Katie.Gorscak@fcc.gov>  
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**To:** Brendan Carr <Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov>; Adam Jackman <Adam.Jackman@fcc.gov>; Greg Watson <Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov>  
**Cc:** Will Wiquist <Will.Wiquist@fcc.gov>  
**Subject:** Press inquiries, 2/3 p.m.

Good afternoon:

Here are several more inquiries that came in in the last hour or so. Several are on some of the hot news topics, but there are a few toward the bottom that fall into some of the routine OMR inquiries we receive on process. Please let us know if we can move forward on engaging with any of those inquiries.

-Katie

#### **Fox News Radio (Matthew Pascarella)**

**Inquiry:** I am producer for FOX News Radio and the FOX News Rundown. We're a daily nationally syndicated radio show and FOX's flagship podcast. We saw Brendan Carr on FOX News today and were hoping he could do a follow up on the radio side to discuss the investigation into PBS and NPR's sponsorships. Any chance he's available via ZOOM tomorrow between 11:30 am et and 12:30 PM ET for about 12-15? This would be audio only.

#### **Voice of America (Liam Scott)**

**Inquiry:** I'm reaching out because I'm reporting on how the FCC has launched investigations into PBS and NPR; reinstated complaints against CBS, NBC and ABC that the previous FCC chairperson dismissed on the grounds of free speech; and requested raw material from CBS's 60 Minutes interview with Kamala Harris. I'm hoping an FCC representative can respond to the following that came up during my reporting:

- That media experts and former FCC members have expressed concern about the scope and rapid succession of these inquiries
- That they have expressed concern that the inquiries may be an attempt to intimidate news outlets, especially considering many of the involved outlets have faced criticism from President Donald Trump and his administration
- That some experts have called the moves partisan
- That during his presidential campaign, Trump threatened to weaponize the FCC to target outlets whose coverage he disliked

My deadline is tomorrow, Feb. 4 at 4:15 PM ET. Additionally, is Brendan Carr by any chance available for an interview this week about this?

**Techcrunch (Becca Szkutak)**

Inquiry: I hope you are doing well. I saw a [Semafor article](#) a few hours ago that said Adam Candeub will be general counsel of the FCC. I wanted to confirm if that was true and see if the department has any comment.

**Freelance reporter for AJE (Andy Hirschfeld)**

Inquiry: I am currently working on a story about Trump and the press. I have a few questions for commissioner Carr. Can he hop on a phone call in the next day or two to answer my questions?

OMR rec: (b) (5)

**TMZ (Dennis Broad)**

Inquiry: TMZ would like to see if any complaints were filed regarding the airing of the 2025 Grammy Awards on 02/02/2025 and, if so, request the nature of the complaints.

OMR rec: (b) (5)

**Law360 (Christopher Cole)**

Inquiry: Could we get any comment on this filing from ARCC, in particular the section(s) about tribal consent? (Note this relates to the Alaska Plan)

OMR rec: (b) (5)

**Law360 (Rachel Scharf)**

Inquiry: Rachel Scharf here, LA courts reporter with Law360. I'm writing about the [congressional letter](#) sent to the FCC today regarding the faulty emergency alerts issued during the LA wildfires, and wondering if the agency has any comment.

OMR rec: (b) (5)

**From:** [Brendan Carr](#)  
**To:** [Scott Delacourt](#); [Greg Watson](#)  
**Cc:** [Arpan Sura](#); [Danielle Thumann](#); [Erin Boone](#); [Adam Candeub](#); [Adam Jackman](#)  
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For review, attached is a draft OCH press release announcing the new proceeding. We should make sure we have this right from a comms perspective and comms plan.

I've also made slight edits to the PN itself. We've decided that these will go out tomorrow.

One question: (b) (5)



**From:** [Brendan Carr](#)  
**To:** [Adam Jackman](#)  
**Date:** Friday, February 7, 2025 12:32:00 PM

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From an FCC spokesperson: “One factual difference between the petitions you referenced is that the Fox one involved material from Fox News cable channel, whereas the ABC, NBC, and CBS ones all had to do with material broadcast over a licensed TV station.”

**From:** [Brendan Carr](#)  
**To:** [Brendan Carr](#)  
**Subject:** Oliver Darcy  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 19, 2025 10:58:00 AM  
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Brendan, I spoke with some of your predecessors—Tom Wheeler, Al Sikes, and Reed Hundt—for a story in which they criticized your leadership at the FCC. They expressed concerns about First Amendment issues and suggested that you are acting in a partisan manner. I wanted to give you the opportunity to respond. Did you want to provide a comment? I think it's rather rare to have three former FCC chiefs speaking against a successor or theirs on the record.

Lol. Just three?

Well, you certainly do know how to respond to requests for comment in an interesting way!

I do feel bad for the three of them, though. I gotta imagine it's hard when the curtain is closing on your career and yet you're still yearning for one more moment in the limelight. I'm glad that you're helping them out by getting their names in print again.

Of those three, I've only ever met Tom Wheeler. If I met the other two, I have no memory of it. I actually like Tom, and I have really enjoyed our meetings over the years. I hope to connect with him again soon. Tom worked alongside my father early in their careers. Tom set a hard charging, if partisan, agenda at the FCC and ignored the bed wetters. There's some things he did that I respect.

But ultimately, President Obama ended up strong arming Tom and forced him to turn the FCC's decision-making authority over to Obama's backers at Google — Title II being the most notable example of where Obama flipped Tom. Was never the same after that. Pretty sad actually.

With respect to your question, it does not surprise me in the least that they disagree with the current FCC's agenda. Two of them were President Obama's and President Clinton's FCC Chairs and, while I'm not a doctor, all three of them appear to have a pretty bad case of TDS. But hey, "Former government officials with TDS oppose current FCC" isn't exactly a man bites dog level scoop. So I get that you have to work with what you have

In any event, all three of them have either called on the FCC to revoke Fox's FCC license, pushed for the FCC to take Elon Musk's Starlink licenses away from him, cheered on Big Tech's decision to censor President Trump, or all three of those!

In other words, these three are not objective observers—they're just partisans that are mad the Biden FCC didn't do more to punish their political enemies. In contrast to them, though, I will ensure that everyone gets a fair shake from this FCC.

**From:** [Brendan Carr](#)  
**To:** [Erin Boone](#); [Benjamin Arden](#)  
**Cc:** [Scott Delacourt](#); [Greg Watson](#)  
**Subject:** opening a docket  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 5, 2025 9:13:00 AM

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Can we prepare a PN that (b) (5)

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**From:** [Brendan Carr](#)  
**To:** [McCormack, Samantha](#)  
**Cc:** [Adam Jackman](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL]: FOX Interview Request  
**Date:** Thursday, February 6, 2025 11:02:00 AM

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Thanks, I'm out of pocket this evening, and I'm on MacCallum's 3:00pm Fox show tomorrow. But happy to look for other day / times.

Adding my new comms person, Adam Jackman too

- Brendan

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**From:** McCormack, Samantha <samantha.mccormack@fox.com>  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]: FOX Interview Request

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Good morning,

I hope you're doing well! Would you be able to join us on The Bottom Line either tonight or tomorrow in the 6pm ET hour?

We'll discuss releasing the full transcript & unedited video of Kamala Harris' 60 Minutes interview.

This would be live with Dagen McDowell and James Freeman. If we could make this work, please let me know at your earliest convenience.

Thank you & I hope you have a great day!

**Samantha McCormack**

**Booking Producer, *The Bottom Line***

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