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Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL]: Invitation to Speak at FCBA Annual Seminar (May 16-18).
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Attachments: [2024 FCBA Annual Seminar Agenda.pdf](#)

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Erin,

The FCBA currently is planning its 2025 Annual Seminar and hopes to feature a panel with FCC bureau and office chiefs. As leader of the Media Bureau, would you be interested in participating?

As you know, the Annual Seminar is designed to provide an opportunity for FCBA members and experts to address important tech and communications law and policy issues in a casual atmosphere outside of the traditional Washington business meeting.

In case helpful, here are some additional details regarding this year's seminar:

- **Date/Location.** The seminar will be held **May 16-18** (Fri.-Sun.) at [the Hotel Hershey](#) in Hershey, PA, which is about a 2.5-hour drive from DC. Given your participation in last year's seminar, you have a sense of the itinerary, but I've attached last year's agenda (attached) as a reminder that the weekend includes karaoke, games, and other activities that make it a good time for individuals or families.
- **To the extent allowed by the ethics rules, the FCBA will pay for seminar registration fees and a hotel room.** After you receive any necessary government approvals to participate, Kerry Loughney (copied) can help with the paperwork.

Please let us know if you're interested, and I'm happy to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you for your time, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
John

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“Hope Springs Eternal 2024 FCBA Annual Seminar”

ANNUAL SEMINAR AGENDA

April 26-28, 2024 ~ The Homestead Resort, Hot Springs, VA
(as of 4/24/24)

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

1:30 – 5:30 p.m. Registration
Grand Ballroom Foyer

2:30 – 3:00 p.m. Networking time – Sponsored by Crown Castle
Grand Ballroom Foyer

3:00 – 3:10 p.m. Seminar Welcome – FCBA President Diane Griffin Holland
Grand Ballroom West

3:10 – 4:05 p.m. Burning Issues at the FCC

Panelists:

Erin Boone, Chief of Staff to Commissioner Simington
Elizabeth Cuttner, Legal Advisor to Chairwoman Rosenworcel
Deena Shetler, Chief of Staff to Commissioner Gomez
Arpan Sura, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Carr

Moderators:

Anisa Green, Director – Federal Regulatory, Chief of Staff – EVP, Federal Regulatory Relations & Chief Regulatory Officer, Corporate External & Legislative Affairs, AT&T Services, Inc.
Melissa Newman, Senior Vice President, Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA)

4:05 – 4:15 p.m. Break – Sponsored by Crown Castle

4:15 – 5:00 p.m. AI: Changing the Media and Content Landscape

Panelists:

Angela Ball, Senior Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, NBCUniversal
Duane Pozza, Partner, Wiley Rein LLP
Johanna Shelton, Tech Policy | Attorney

Moderators:

Ann West Bobeck, Vice President, FCC Legal & Business Affairs, Fox Corporation
Matt DelNero, Partner, Covington & Burling LLP

- 5:00 – 5:30 p.m. A Fireside Chat with FCC Commissioner Anna Gomez**
- Moderator:*
Diane Griffin Holland, Partner, Wiley Rein LLP and President, FCBA
- 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Opening Reception – Sponsored by Crest Hill Advisors LLC**
Casino Lawn/Back-up Grand Ballroom
- 6:45 – 8:45 p.m. Family BBQ**
Casino Lawn/Back-up Grand Ballroom
- 8:00 – 9:30 p.m. Bingo – Sponsored by AT&T**
Commonwealth Room
- 9:00 – 11:59 p.m. Karaoke – Sponsored by Hogan Lovells International LLP**
Crystal Room

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

- 7:00 – 10:00 a.m. Breakfast Buffet – vouchers handed out at registration**
Audubon Dining Room
- 8:00 – 11:30 a.m. Registration**
Grand Ballroom Foyer
- 8:45 – 9:15 a.m. White House Hot Topics**
- Panelist:*
Matthew Pearl, Director for Emerging Technologies, White House National Security Council
- Moderator:*
Scott Blake Harris, Crest Hill Advisors LLC
- 9:15 – 9:45 a.m. A Fireside Chat with FCC Commissioner Nathan Simington**
- Moderator:*
Kathy Kirby, Partner, Wiley Rein LLP and President-Elect, FCBA
- 9:45 – 9:55 a.m. Break – Sponsored by The Brattle Group**

9:55 – 10:40 a.m. A View from Capitol HillPanelists:

Daniel Butherus, Professional Staff Member (R), Senate Commerce
Jennifer Epperson, Chief Counsel (D), House C&T Subcommittee
John Lin, Senior Counsel (R), House C&T Subcommittee
Betsy McIntyre, Senior Counsel (D), Senate Commerce

Moderators:

John Castle, Counsel, Communications, Internet & Media, Hogan Lovells US LLP
Evan Viau, Senior Manager, Government Affairs, Cisco Systems, Inc.

10:40 – 11:10 a.m. A Fireside Chat with FCC Commissioner Brendan CarrModerator:

Scott Deutchman, Senior Policy Advisor, Gov't Affairs & Public Policy, Google

11:10 – 11:15 a.m. Break – Sponsored by The Brattle Group**11:15 a.m. – Noon A View from NTIA**Panelists:

Sarah Morris, Principal Deputy Asst. Secretary (Acting)
Grace Abuhamad, Chief of Staff
Phil Murphy, Senior Advisor to the Asst. Secretary
Stephanie Weiner, General Counsel

Moderators:

Glenn Reynolds, Vice President Government Affairs North America, Nokia
Courtney Tolerico, Director, Regulatory Affairs, CTIA

Lunch on your own**1:20 p.m. Golf Tournament**
*Old Course***1:30 p.m. Troddenvale Cidery Tasting – Organized by the YLC**
Shuttle will leave the resort at 1:15 p.m. Meet in the Lobby.

The tasting is full, but you are welcome to drop by the Cidery any time after 3:00 p.m. Shuttles will be running from 2:45 – 5:00 p.m.

1:45 p.m. Naturalist Hike in Cascades Gorge – Subsidized by Lynne Milne
Meet in the South Parlor by 1:30 p.m.

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. **Happy Hour for All Attendees** – *Organized by the YLC*
Jefferson’s Bar

5:30 – 9:30 p.m. **Kids Dinner and Activities**
KidsClub building on Cottage Row. Shuttle service available from the front of the Resort.

7:00 – 7:30 p.m. **Reception** – *Sponsored by Somos, Inc.*
Grand Ballroom
Terrace and Foyer

7:30 – 9:30 p.m. **Dinner Buffet** – Remarks by FCBA President **Diane Griffin Holland**
Grand Ballroom West

8:30 – 10:30 p.m. **FCBA Game Night**
Grand Ballroom East Fun to include giant Jenga, Connect Four, ping pong, badminton, cornhole, yard
pong, putting green, board games, and more!

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

7:00 – 10:00 a.m. **Breakfast Buffet** – *vouchers handed out at registration*
Audubon Dining Room

Scan here for the speaker biographies



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From: [Erin Boone](#)
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Subject: FW: Letter from Ranking Member Richard Blumenthal, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to the Federal Communications Commission
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Hi team,

Please find attached a letter address to Erin and Patrick from the Senator Blumenthal in his capacity as Ranking Member on the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations.

All best,
Matt

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Hello,

Attached is a letter for Patrick Webre, Acting Bureau Chief of the Enforcement Bureau, and Erin Boone, Acting Bureau Chief of the Media Bureau, of the Federal Communications Commission from Ranking Member Richard Blumenthal of the United States Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations.

Please provide all material and information requested in the letter to the Subcommittee by no later

than March 26, 2025. Please contact Subcommittee staff at PSI_Blumenthal@hsgac.senate.gov or 202-224-9505 with any questions.

Please confirm receipt.

Thank you.

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March 12, 2025

VIA EMAIL

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Ms. Erin Boone
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Dear Mr. Webre and Ms. Boone:

Since becoming Chair of the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC” or the “Commission”) on January 20, 2025, Brendan Carr has publicly ordered that the Media and Enforcement Bureaus reopen complaints and initiate unprecedented, intrusive investigations against media broadcasters under arbitrary and capricious pretenses — investigations that appear to exclusively target newsrooms and broadcasters that President Trump perceives as enemies. In order to understand whether the FCC is departing from longtime guidance and legal precedent to intentionally retaliate against, or otherwise chill, broadcasters that may be disfavored by the President, I write to request information and documents concerning all FCC enforcement actions, warnings, briefings, interpretive rules, cases, records, advisories, letters, and any other materials relevant to the Commission’s enforcement of matters involving news distortion, equal time, underwriting, non-discrimination, and broadcasters’ public interest obligations.

The FCC’s recent investigations and complaints, which threaten to put the government in the newsrooms of broadcast stations across the country, have targeted:

- **WPVI-TV (ABC)**, reopening a closed complaint filed by the Center for American Rights alleging “news distortion” over an ABC moderator’s factchecking of a Presidential debate.¹

¹ *Center for American Rights Files FCC and FEC Legal Complaints Over ABC News’ Debate Bias*, CENTER FOR AMERICAN RIGHTS (Sept. 25, 2024), <https://www.americanrights.org/cases/center-for-american-rights-files-fcc-and-fec-legal-complaints-over-abc-news-debate-bias/>; *News Distortion Complaint Involving WPVI*

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- **WCBS-TV (CBS)**, reopening a closed complaint filed by the Center for American Rights alleging “news distortion” over “Face the Nation” and “60 Minutes” interviews with former Vice President Harris.²
- **Paramount’s proposed sale of CBS licenses to Skydance Media**, obtaining and disclosing a video and transcript of a “60 Minutes” interview that was criticized by President Trump and publicly supporting an opposition filing by the Center for American Rights.³
- **WNBC-TV (NBC)**, reopening a closed complaint filed by the Center for American Rights alleging failure to provide equal time for an appearance by former Vice President Harris on Saturday Night Live.⁴
- **Comcast and NBCUniversal**, requesting that the Enforcement Bureau open an investigation of Comcast and NBCUniversal alleging its diversity hiring efforts violate the FCC’s non-discrimination rules.⁵
- **NPR and PBS**, requesting that the Media Bureau open an investigation alleging violations of the FCC’s underwriting rules for noncommercial broadcasters in a letter from Chair Carr that also weighed in on Congressional funding of both.⁶ The FCC has reportedly escalated its investigation by sending more than a dozen letters of inquiry to

Television (Philadelphia), LLC, licensee of WPVI-TV, Philadelphia, PA et al., Order (EB Jan. 22, 2025), <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DA-25-84A1.pdf>.

² *CBS Accused of News Distortion in Vice President Kamala Harris Interview — Center for American Rights Files Formal FCC Complaint*, CENTER FOR AMERICAN RIGHTS (Oct. 16, 2024), <https://www.americanrights.org/cases/cbs-accused-of-news-distortion-in-vice-president-kamala-harris-interview-center-for-american-rights-files-formal-fcc-complaint/>; *News Distortion Complaint Involving CBS Broadcasting Inc., licensee of WCBS, New York, NY*, Order (EB Jan. 22, 2025), <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DA-25-85A1.pdf>.

³ *In the Matter of Skydance Media and Paramount Global*, Petition to Condition Grant by the Center for American Rights (Oct. 16, 2024), <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/121677322011/1>; Ted Johnson, *Incoming FCC Chairman Brendan Carr Says ‘60 Minutes’ Complaint ‘Likely To Arise’ As Part Of Agency Review of Skydance-Paramount Merger*, DEADLINE (Nov. 19, 2024), <https://deadline.com/2024/11/fcc-brendan-carr-60-minutes-cbs-paramount-1236181250/>; Brendan Carr (@BrendanCarrFCC), X (Dec. 18, 2024, 12:43 PM), <https://x.com/BrendanCarrFCC/status/1869438445753618684/>; *60 Minutes Publishes Transcripts, Video Requested by FCC*, CBS NEWS (Feb. 5, 2025), <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/60-minutes-publishes-transcripts-video-requested-by-fcc/>.

⁴ *NBC Hit with FCC Complaint Over Vice President Harris’ SNL Appearance*, CENTER FOR AMERICAN RIGHTS (Nov. 4, 2024), <https://www.americanrights.org/cases/nbc-hit-with-fcc-complaint-over-vice-president-harris-snl-appearance/>; *Equal Opportunities Complaint Involving NBC Telemundo License, LLC, licensee of WNBC, New York, NY*, Order (MB Jan. 22, 2025), <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DA-25-83A1.pdf>.

⁵ Letter from Brendan Carr, Chairman, FCC, to Brian Roberts, CEO of Comcast Corporation, (Feb. 11, 2025), <https://www.fcc.gov/sites/default/files/Chairman-Carr-Letter%20to-Comcast-02112025.pdf>.

⁶ Benjamin Mullin & David McCabe, *F.C.C. Chair Orders Investigation into NPR and PBS Sponsorships*, N.Y. TIMES (Jan. 30, 2025), <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/01/30/business/media/npr-pbs-fcc-investigation.html> (quoting Letter from Brendan Carr, Chairman, FCC, to Katherine Maher, President and CEO of National Public Radio, and Paula A. Kerger, President and CEO of PBS (Jan. 29, 2025), <https://static01.nyt.com/newsgraphics/documenttools/340343f285781674/6da3eb69-full.pdf>).

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NPR, PBS, and their affiliates.⁷

- **KCBS Radio (Audacy)**, alleging that a radio news broadcast that described an immigration raid constituted a violation of the broadcaster's public interest obligations.⁸
- **Verizon**, requesting the Chairman and CEO of Verizon "reach out" to FCC staff familiar with the review of the Verizon-Frontier merger over concerns about the company's promotion of diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives and past trainings.⁹

Each of these eight actions single out media broadcasters that faced the wrath of President Trump during his Presidential campaign, including actual litigation or outright threats of investigations in retaliation for perceived negative coverage.¹⁰ This exclusive targeting to the apparent benefit of the President is further reflected in the fact that other media broadcasters, particularly allies of the President, have not faced any similar scrutiny. For example, Chair Carr did not reinstate a news distortion complaint against a Fox TV station (WTFX-TV) that was closed in January alongside the complaints against CBS, NBC, and ABC.¹¹ Nor has the FCC announced investigations or enforcement actions against broadcasters seen as more favorable to President Trump, even where the same or similar fact patterns exist, including against News Corp, which until recently had a longstanding diversity, equity, and inclusion program.¹²

The Commission's investigations appear predicated on dubious legal theories that deviate from the FCC's public guidance, rules, and past enforcement actions, raising the question of whether the FCC is operating under a new set of standards. By its own past admission, the FCC's authority to act on complaints alleging news distortion is "narrow" because the FCC is "prohibited

⁷ Sean Moran, *FCC's Brendan Carr Advances Investigation into NPR, PBS Running 'Prohibited' Ads*, BREITBART (Mar. 7, 2025), <https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2025/03/07/fcc-advances-investigation-into-npr-pbs-running-prohibited-ads/>.

⁸ Brian Flood, *FCC Chair Says It's 'Really Concerning' That A Soros-Backed Radio Station Exposed Undercover ICE Agents*, NEW YORK POST (Feb. 6, 2025), <https://nypost.com/2025/02/06/media/fcc-chair-concerned-that-a-soros-backed-radio-station-exposed-undercover-ice-agents/>.

⁹ Brendan Carr (@BrendanCarrFCC), X (Feb. 27, 2025, 3:35 PM), <https://x.com/BrendanCarrFCC/status/1895211283089367318/>.

¹⁰ See, e.g., Donald J. Trump (@realDonaldTrump), TRUTH SOCIAL (Sept. 24, 2023, 7:53 PM), <https://truthsocial.com/@realDonaldTrump/posts/111122815628828712/>; Donald J. Trump (@realDonaldTrump), Truth Social (Apr. 10, 2024, 3:48 PM), <https://truthsocial.com/@realDonaldTrump/posts/112248653824267212/>; Donald J. Trump (@realDonaldTrump), TRUTH SOCIAL (Sept. 14, 2024, 10:51 AM), <https://truthsocial.com/@realDonaldTrump/posts/113136466410544933/>; Sara Fischer, *Trump's Media Playbook*, AXIOS (Nov. 5, 2024), <https://www.axios.com/2024/11/05/trump-media-playbook-regulatory-threat/>.

¹¹ Christopher Cole, *FCC Revisits Complaints Against Major Network Broadcasters*, LAW360 (Jan. 22, 2025), <https://www.law360.com/articles/2287681/fcc-revisits-complaints-against-major-network-broadcasters/>; *Application of Fox Television Stations, LLC For Renewal of License of WTFX-TV, Philadelphia, PA*, Order (MB Jan. 16, 2025), <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DA-25-57A1.pdf>.

¹² *Diversity, Equity & Inclusion*, NEWS CORP, <https://web.archive.org/web/20250130123209/https://newscorp.com/news-corp-diversity/> (last visited Mar. 12, 2025); *Corporate Diversity Statement*, NEWS CORP, <https://newscorp.com/corporate-governance/corporate-diversity-statement/> (last visited Mar. 12, 2025); *ASX Diversity Measurable Objectives and Gender Balance*, NEWS CORP, <https://newscorp.com/app/uploads/2024/10/2024-ASX-Diversity.pdf> (last visited Mar. 12, 2025).

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by law from engaging in censorship or infringing on First Amendment rights of the press.”¹³ According to the FCC, “news distortion” violates FCC policy only when it involves “a significant event” and “it can be proven that [the broadcaster has] deliberately distorted a factual news report.”¹⁴ The Commission’s recent actions appear to adopt ahistorical interpretations of longstanding legal standards and may be designed to intimidate newsrooms to chill future coverage potentially critical of President Trump. Furthermore, while the FCC’s stated policy is that the “existence of an investigation is generally nonpublic until the Commission takes enforcement action,”¹⁵ the Chair has engaged in repeated public grandstanding to publicize and amplify the cited investigations favorable to President Trump on Fox News, on social media, and elsewhere.¹⁶

Chair Carr’s vexatious investigation of opponents of President Trump represents a threat to the First Amendment and inflicts upon newsrooms, affiliate groups, local media, nonprofit organizations, and religious broadcasters an ever-looming risk of retaliatory federal investigations for protected speech. In 2018, when an affiliate group was found to be forcing local news anchors to run editorial, partisan content over the objections of member stations, the FCC rejected news distortion complaints. Then-Chair Pai wrote that he could “hardly think of an action more chilling of free speech than the federal government investigating a broadcast station because of disagreement with its news coverage or promotion of that coverage.”¹⁷

As Mr. Carr argued prior to his ascension to Chair, using FCC authorities, particularly its oversight of licenses, to retaliate over political viewpoints violates the First Amendment.¹⁸ In Mr. Carr’s own words, “[a] newsroom’s decision about what stories to cover and how to frame them should be beyond the reach of any government official, not targeted by them.”¹⁹ Mr. Carr has even called investigations of broadcasters over their content “a chilling transgression of the free speech rights that every media outlet in this country enjoys,” and accused Democrats of “sending a

¹³ *Broadcast News Distortion*, FCC, <https://www.fcc.gov/broadcast-news-distortion/> (last updated July 18, 2024).

¹⁴ *Id.*

¹⁵ *Enforcement Primer*, FCC, <https://www.fcc.gov/general/enforcement-primer> (last visited Mar. 12, 2025).

¹⁶ See, e.g., Brian Flood, *FCC Chair Says It’s ‘Really Concerning’ that a Soros-Backed Radio Station Exposed Undercover ICE Agents*, FOX NEWS (Feb. 6, 2025), <https://www.foxnews.com/media/fcc-chair-says-its-really-concerning-soros-backed-radio-station-exposed-undercover-ice-agents>; Brian Flood, *FCC Launches Probe into NBC News Parent Comcast ‘to Root Out Invidious Forms of DEI Discrimination’*, FOX NEWS (Feb. 12, 2025), <https://www.foxnews.com/media/fcc-launches-probe-nbc-news-parent-comcast-to-root-out-invidious-forms-dei-discrimination>; Brendan Carr (@BrendanCarrFCC), X (Feb. 12, 2025, 2:02 PM), <https://x.com/BrendanCarrFCC/status/1889752017150812321/>; Carr, *supra* note 9.

¹⁷ Letters from Ajit V. Pai, Chairman, FCC, to Senators Bernard Sanders, Maria Cantwell, Richard Blumenthal, Ron Wyden, Patty Murray, Jeff Merkley, Tina Smith, Elizabeth Warren, Tom Udall, Tammy Baldwin, Cory Booker, & Edward Markey (Apr. 12, 2018), https://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2018/db0423/DOC-350372A1.pdf.

¹⁸ See, e.g., Press Release, Off. Comm’r Brendan Carr, Democrats Pressure FCC To Deny Sale Of Spanish-Language Radio Station In Florida Based On Political Viewpoints (Apr. 19, 2021), <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DOC-371715A1.pdf>; Brendan Carr (@BrendanCarrFCC), X (Apr. 19, 2021, 3:45 PM), <https://x.com/BrendanCarrFCC/status/1384231810167578625/>; *In the Matter of Sinclair Broadcast Group*, Statement of Commissioner Brendan Carr (May 22, 2020), <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-20-59A3.pdf>.

¹⁹ Press Release, Off. Comm’r Brendan Carr, FCC Commissioner Carr Responds to Democrats’ Efforts to Censor Newsrooms (Feb. 22, 2021), <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DOC-370165A1.pdf>.

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message that is as clear as it is troubling—these regulated entities will pay a price if the targeted newsrooms do not conform to Democrats’ preferred political narratives.”²⁰

Under the new standard that appears to have been set by Chair Carr, however, every newsroom, affiliate group, and broadcaster across the country faces the possibility of burdensome investigations, fines, and even the revocation of licenses for disfavored speech or a change in political winds — they will pay a price if the targeted newsrooms do not conform to President Trump’s preferred political narratives.

For these reasons, the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations (“PSI” or “the Subcommittee”) has opened a preliminary inquiry into the FCC’s recent handling of complaints and investigations. Pursuant to Senate Resolution 59 (118th Cong.) and PSI Rule 1, please provide information and records responsive to the following requests by March 26, 2025.

1. Describe the FCC’s investigatory process for complaints involving broadcast news distortion, equal time, underwriting, non-discrimination, and public interest obligations, including, but not limited to:
 - a. Procedures and protocols for:
 - i. receiving and evaluating complaints;
 - ii. gathering additional information;
 - iii. docketing complaints;
 - iv. making and issuing determinations; and
 - v. seeking enforcement, when applicable.
 - b. The parties responsible for administering, reviewing, and approving each step of the FCC’s investigatory process.
2. Identify all authorities, including but not limited to statutes, regulations, legal precedents, guidance, and Commission reports and memoranda related to news distortion, equal time, underwriting, non-discrimination, and public interest obligations, relied on by the FCC to:
 - a. initiate an investigation into allegations;
 - b. determine the sufficiency of an investigation into and evidence probative of allegations;
 - c. set aside a prior order;
 - d. seek public comments on an investigation, including evidence; and
 - e. seek enforcement against a broadcaster.
3. Identify all enforcement actions, warnings, briefings, interpretive rules, cases, records, advisories, letters, and any other documents from the Commission related to news distortion, equal time, underwriting, non-discrimination, and public interest obligations since January 1, 2005, including the outcome of such actions.
4. Identify all statutes, rules, or guidance related to the public disclosure and handling of complaints, referrals, or investigations by the Commission, including rules and standards

²⁰ *Id.*

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related to the disclosure of investigations or enforcement matters and disclosure of evidence obtained in enforcement actions.

5. Produce copies of all precedents, guidance, memoranda, or other documents referenced in response to requests 1-4, unless readily available to the public.
6. Produce all communications regarding the reopening of the WTXF-TV complaint closed on January 16, 2025, to include any deliberations or decisions that took place regarding its possible reopening.
7. Produce all complaints or investigations referred to, or opened by, the Media and Enforcement Bureaus into news distortion, equal time, underwriting, non-discrimination, and public interest obligations since January 20, 2025.

Please contact Subcommittee staff should you have any questions about responding to these requests. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Richard Blumenthal
Ranking Member
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cc: The Honorable Ron Johnson
Chairman
Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

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These seem fine to me.

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From: Sima Nilsson <Sima.Nilsson@fcc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2025 5:26 PM
To: Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>
Cc: Albert Shuldiner <Albert.Shuldiner@fcc.gov>; Alexander Sanjenis <Alexander.Sanjenis@fcc.gov>; Evan Morris <Evan.Morris@fcc.gov>; Thomas Horan <Thomas.Horan@fcc.gov>; Nancy Murphy <Nancy.Murphy@fcc.gov>; Lori Maarbjerg <Lori.Maarbje@fcc.gov>
Subject: Approval Requests, 3/13/25

1. **KSDW(FM) Letter – (b) (5)**

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2. **WEJM-LP, KSIM, KLZY-LP, KHEB, KPKW 312(g) Letters – (b) (5)**

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4. **MB Briefing Sheets.** These are due to OLA by COB 3/14. They will be unpublished.

From: [Erin Boone](#)
To: [Sima Nilsson](#)
Cc: [Albert Shuldiner](#); [Alexander Sanjenis](#); [Evan Morris](#); [Thomas Horan](#); [Nancy Murphy](#); [Lori Maarbjerg](#)
Subject: Re: Approval Requests, 3/13/25
Date: Friday, March 14, 2025 8:28:35 AM

Thanks Sima. All are approved!

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From: Sima Nilsson <Sima.Nilsson@fcc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2025 5:25:42 PM
To: Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>
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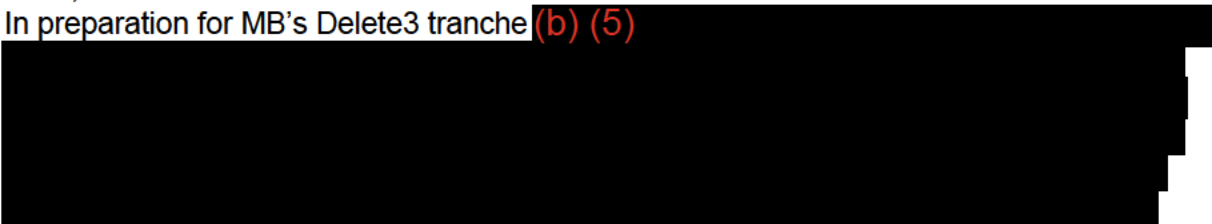
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To: [Hillary DeNigro](#); [Lori Maarbjerg](#); [Thomas Horan](#); [Alexander Sanjens](#)
Subject: RE: Delete - revised schedule
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 7:34:00 AM
Attachments: [LPTVAdvancementRO-BriefingSheet Revised 4.25.25 FINAL.docx](#)
[Draft.DDD Direct Final Rule Tranche 1 - draft to OCH.docx](#)
Importance: High

Hi all,

In preparation for MB's Delete3 tranche (b) (5)



Thanks!

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From: Hillary DeNigro <Hillary.DeNigro@fcc.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2025 4:04 PM
To: Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: Delete - revised schedule

Do these work?

From: Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2025 4:02 PM
To: Hillary DeNigro <Hillary.DeNigro@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: Delete - revised schedule

Hi Hillary,
For some reason I can't open this document. Can you resend when you have a sec?
Thanks!

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From: Hillary DeNigro <Hillary.DeNigro@fcc.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2025 3:48 PM

To: Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>
Cc: Alexander Sanjenis <Alexander.Sanjenis@fcc.gov>; Lori Maarbjerg <Lori.Maarbje@fcc.gov>;
Thomas Horan <Thomas.Horan@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: Delete - revised schedule

Use this version of the document. The prior version (b) (5) [REDACTED]. I'm also reattaching the Excel here for convenience.

From: Hillary DeNigro
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2025 2:18 PM
To: Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>
Cc: Alexander Sanjenis <Alexander.Sanjenis@fcc.gov>; Lori Maarbjerg <Lori.Maarbje@fcc.gov>;
Thomas Horan <Thomas.Horan@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: Delete - revised schedule

Erin,
As requested, the attached version of the document reflects MB's proposal for two MB items as described last week in the form instructed in the attachment today. I tried to match these up to dates consistent with what we discussed last week.
Please let us know if you have any comments or concerns.
Thanks!

From: Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2025 12:24 PM
To: Hillary DeNigro <Hillary.DeNigro@fcc.gov>
Cc: Alexander Sanjenis <Alexander.Sanjenis@fcc.gov>; Lori Maarbjerg <Lori.Maarbje@fcc.gov>;
Thomas Horan <Thomas.Horan@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: Delete - revised schedule
Importance: High


Hi Hillary,
This is fantastic. Thank you for doing this. Attached is the OCH planning tool where I have been asked to put our tranches on the calendar. Can you take a look at this at fill it out according to what you have laid out in the Excel sheet? Arpan includes a helpful comment in the attached that describes how we should do it. Happy to chat if it's not apples to apples or if you have questions.

Thanks!
Erin

From: Hillary DeNigro <Hillary.DeNigro@fcc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 9:20 AM
To: Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>
Cc: Alexander Sanjenis <Alexander.Sanjenis@fcc.gov>; Lori Maarbjerg <Lori.Maarbje@fcc.gov>;
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Subject: RE: Delete - revised schedule

Hi Erin,

Tom and I pulled together the attached list of rules that could be included in MB specific DFR orders as proposed below. (b) (5)



Let us know if you think we're on the right track here and happy to discuss.

From: Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>

Sent: Monday, June 16, 2025 3:49 PM

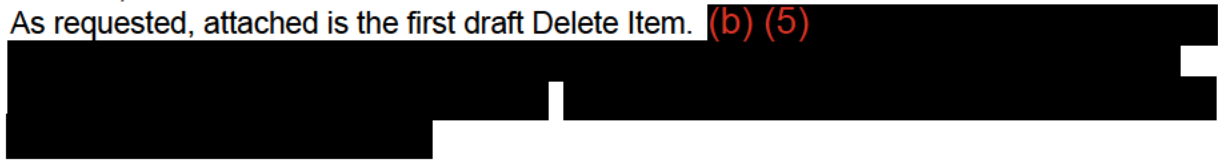
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Cc: Alexander Sanjenis <Alexander.Sanjenis@fcc.gov>; Lori Maarbjerg <Lori.Maarbjerg@fcc.gov>

Subject: RE: Delete - revised schedule

Hi Folks,

As requested, attached is the first draft Delete Item. (b) (5)



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From: Erin Boone

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Cc: Alexander Sanjenis <Alexander.Sanjenis@fcc.gov>; Lori Maarbjerg <Lori.Maarbjerg@fcc.gov>

Subject: RE: Delete - revised schedule

Hi Hillary,

So for the first tranche, (b) (5)

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This is not set in stone.

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From: Hillary DeNigro <Hillary.DeNigro@fcc.gov>
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Cc: Alexander Sanjenis <Alexander.Sanjenis@fcc.gov>; Lori Maarbjerg <Lori.Maarbjje@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: Delete - revised schedule

Thanks, Erin. Since Lori and Alex are out this week Tom and I will talk about this and get back to you.

To be sure I'm clear on what the status is of our list – (b) (5)

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(b) (5)

From: Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 16, 2025 8:30 AM
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Cc: Alexander Sanjenis <Alexander.Sanjenis@fcc.gov>
Subject: FW: Delete - revised schedule

Hi all,
 Please see below the draft OCH plan for D3 order tranches. (b) (5)

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Thanks!

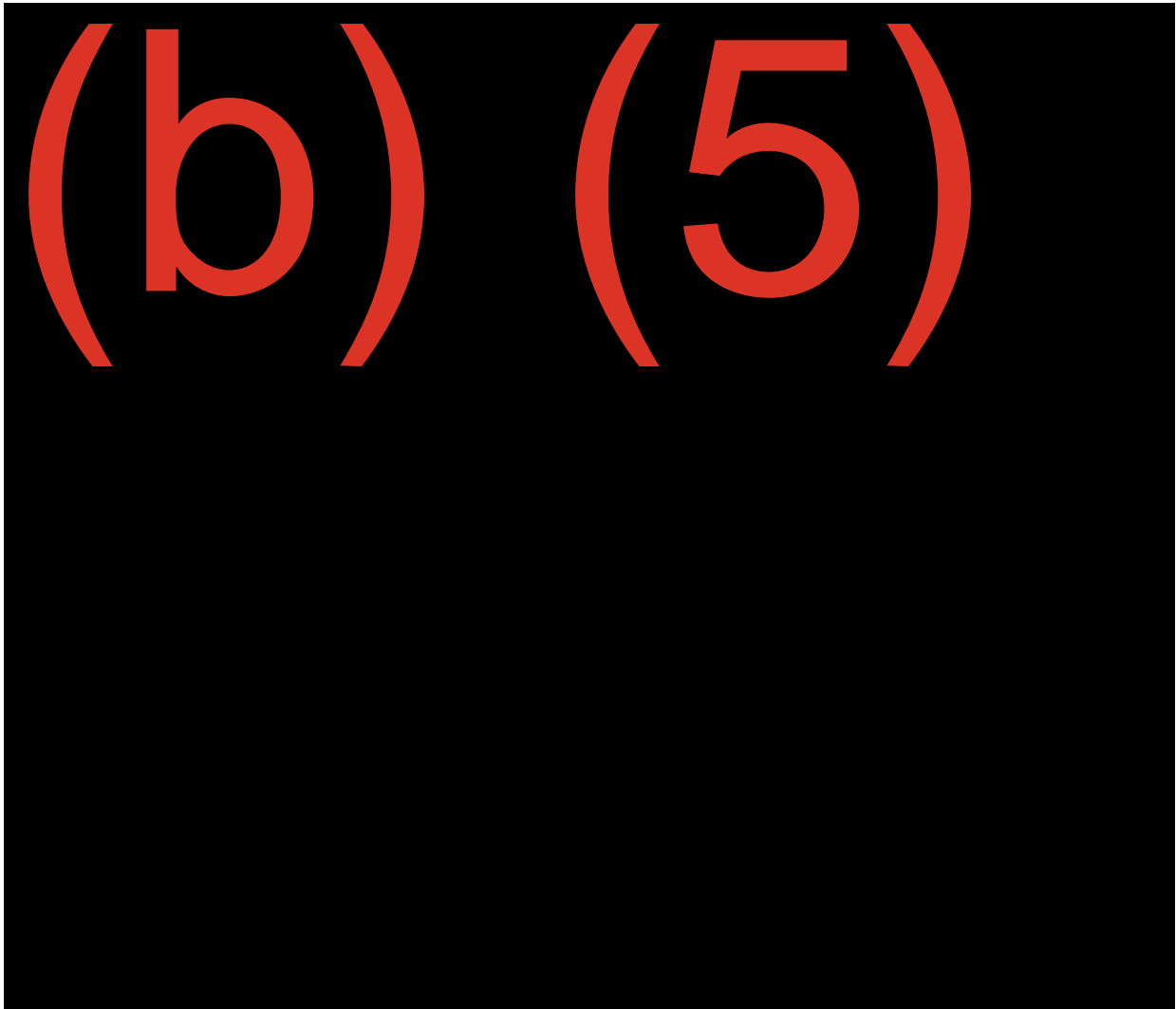
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Sent: Saturday, June 14, 2025 11:48 PM
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Subject: Delete - revised schedule

Timing	Description	Rationale
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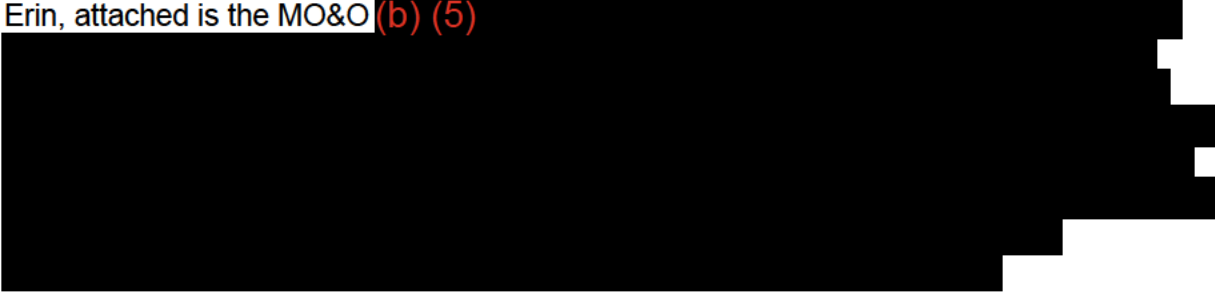
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From: [Erin Boone](#)
To: [Alexander Sanienis](#)
Subject: FW: Sinclair/Rincon MO&O
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 5:43:00 PM
Attachments: [Rincon assignment 6.30.25 draft - FINAL clean.docx](#)

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From: Chris Robbins <Chris.Robbins@fcc.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 30, 2025 5:38 PM
To: Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>
Cc: Benjamin Arden <Benjamin.Arden@fcc.gov>; Emily Harrison <Emily.Harrison@fcc.gov>
Subject: Sinclair/Rincon MO&O

Erin, attached is the MO&O (b) (5)

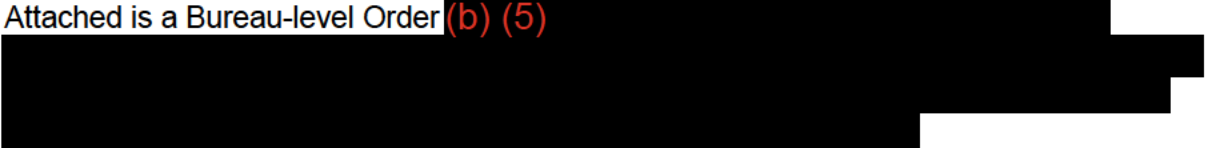


Thanks,
Chris

From: [Erin Boone](#)
To: [Brendan Carr](#)
Subject: FW: Sinclair/Rincon MO&O
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 7:51:00 PM
Attachments: [Rincon assignment 6.30.25 draft - FINAL clean.docx](#)

Chairman –

Attached is a Bureau-level Order (b) (5)



Thanks,

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From: [Erin Boone](#)
To: [Chris Robbins](#)
Cc: [Benjamin Arden](#); [Emily Harrison](#)
Subject: RE: Sinclair/Rincon MO&O
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 7:53:00 PM
Attachments: [Rincon assignment 6.30.25 draft - FINAL clean ECB.docx](#)

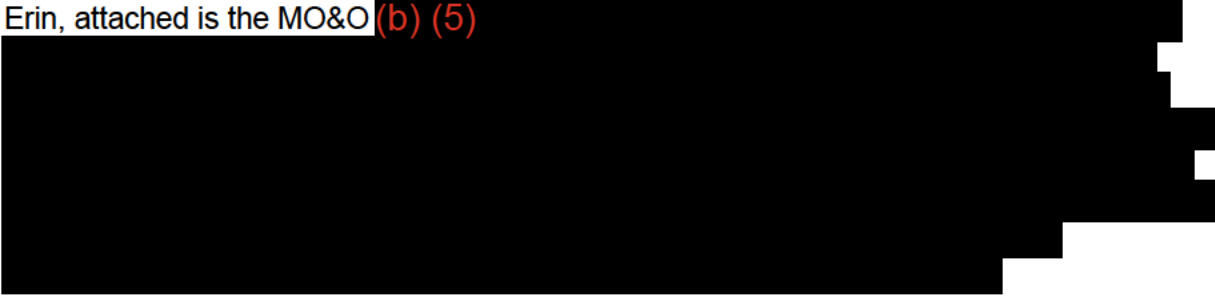
Thanks very much Chris and Emily for such a great draft, and for all of the quick work on it. Attached is just one nit I caught in redline. I have flagged this for the Chairman and once he signs off I think we can plan to get this out the door.

Have a great evening!

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Cc: Benjamin Arden <Benjamin.Arden@fcc.gov>; Emily Harrison <Emily.Harrison@fcc.gov>
Subject: Sinclair/Rincon MO&O

Erin, attached is the MO&O (b) (5)



Thanks,
Chris

From: [Erin Boone](#)
To: [Benjamin Arden](#); [Alexander Sanjenis](#)
Subject: Draft affiliate letter
Date: Thursday, July 3, 2025 9:09:00 AM
Attachments: [Chairman Carr Letter to Comcast re affiliates 6.29.25.docx](#)

Thoughts?

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From: [Erin Boone](#)
To: [Katie Gorscak](#); [Danielle Thumann](#)
Cc: [Elena Patton](#); [Will Wiquist](#); [Adam Jackman](#)
Subject: RE: Press Inquiry re: MTEs and internet services
Date: Monday, July 7, 2025 9:07:00 AM

No edits or concerns here. Thanks Katie.

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From: Katie Gorscak <Katie.Gorscak@fcc.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 7, 2025 9:00 AM
To: Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>; Danielle Thumann <Danielle.Thumann@fcc.gov>
Cc: Elena Patton <Elena.Patton@fcc.gov>; Will Wiquist <Will.Wiquist@fcc.gov>; Adam Jackman <Adam.Jackman@fcc.gov>
Subject: Press Inquiry re: MTEs and internet services

Good morning:

Last week we received a press inquiry from Christel Bell, a consumer reporter for ABC15 Arizona in Phoenix, AZ. She is working on story to better explain the rights for tenants when it comes to apartment management and internet providers. She posed several questions that she would like to have answers on from the FCC. Working with MB and CGB, Elena in OMR pulled together the following proposed answers, (b) (5)

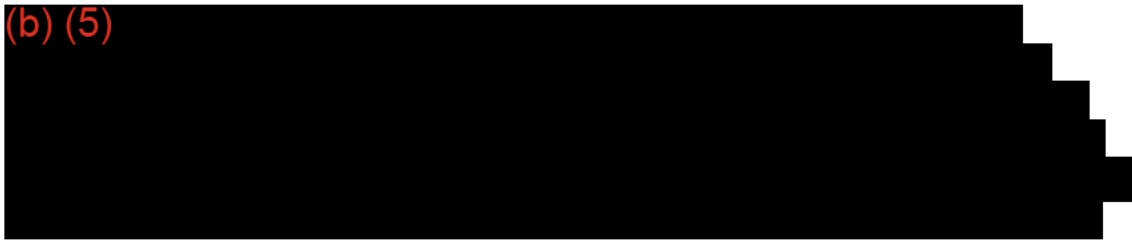
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Is it legal for apartment to force their residents to use and pay for an in-house internet provider?

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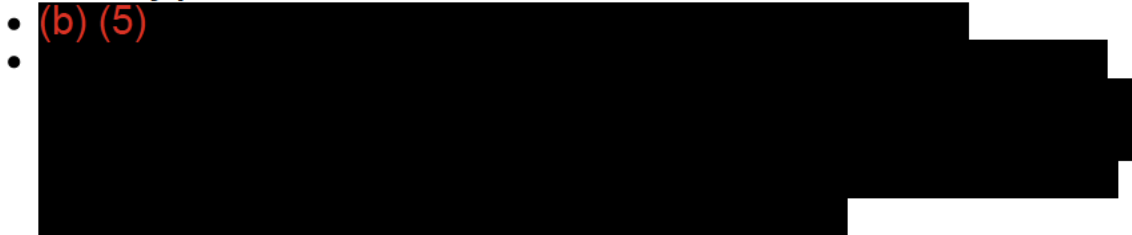
Can tenants be compensated for services outages they can't control, if they are required to use the designated in-house internet provider?

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Please explain what rights do tenants have when it comes to choosing a provider?

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How can they push for fair treatment?

- (b) (5)
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Katie

From: Erin Boone
To: Alexander Sarjenis
Subject: FW: FCC Intro
Date: Tuesday, July 8, 2025 5:25:00 PM
Attachments: image002.png
 Carr Letter - H.R. 7521 Protects 1A.pdf

FYI

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From: Greg Watson <Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, July 8, 2025 2:17 PM
To: Matthew Mittelstaedt <Matthew.Mittelstaedt@fcc.gov>; Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>; Danielle Thumann <Danielle.Thumann@fcc.gov>
Cc: Brendan Carr <Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: FCC Intro

+ Danielle and updating thread with the BC letter to E&C last year re: TikTok. (b) (5)

Will revert back soon.

From: Greg Watson
Sent: Tuesday, July 8, 2025 11:00 AM
To: Brendan Carr <Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov>; Matthew Mittelstaedt <Matthew.Mittelstaedt@fcc.gov>; Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>
Subject: FW: FCC Intro

Passing on the Schmitt inquiry below, MB preliminary info doc, and two news links:

<https://www.heritage.org/budget-and-spending/report/npr-has-no-right-taxpayer-money-and-no-monopoly-emergency-alerts>

<https://www.newsfromthestates.com/article/trump-drive-defund-npr-pbs-resisted-republicans-rural-states>

Schmitt call is at 1. More to come. I'll be studying up between now and then.

From: Seltzer, Max (Schmitt) <Max_Seltzer@schmitt.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 7, 2025 3:45 PM
To: Matthew Mittelstaedt <Matthew.Mittelstaedt@fcc.gov>
Cc: Adams, Justin (Schmitt) <Justin_Adams@schmitt.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: FCC Intro

Hey Matt,

Thanks so much for reaching out here! Adding in my colleague Justin who also works with me on all things telco.

Your email is well timed as I actually just left a voicemail with Greg Watson on an ask that my boss has for Mr. Carr. As you may be aware, the White House released a "recessions package" a few weeks ago and included in the package are cuts to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB). My boss is the Senate lead on this package and we have been getting some push back on these cuts from some Senators concerned about the impact they may have on the emergency broadcasting system.

There may be an opportunity for Mr. Carr to help us push back on some of these concerns, and I would love to find a few minutes to chat with you and/or Greg to discuss in greater detail.

This package will be on the floor for a vote next week, so this is a bit of a time-sensitive request.

My cell is in my signature below, I'd be happy to chat further at your convenience.

-Max



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From: Matthew Mittelstaedt <Matthew.Mittelstaedt@fcc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 2, 2025 4:04 PM
To: Seltzer, Max (Schmitt) <Max_Seltzer@schmitt.senate.gov>
Subject: FCC Intro

Hey Max,

By way of introduction, my name is Matt Mittelstaedt, and I'm the Director of Legislative Affairs at the FCC.

2 things:

1. If you ever need anything FCC or Brendan Carr related, please don't hesitate to reach out
2. I wanted to quickly flag that Chairman Carr was in South Dakota this morning and gave his first policy speech outlining what he describes as the Build America Agenda. I'm putting the press release below so you've got the video and the transcript if you're interested in it!

All best,
 Matt

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OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN BRENDAN CARR

Chairman Carr Unveils “Build America Agenda” in South Dakota*Speech Sets Out FCC’s Principal Infrastructure Policy Agenda*

SIOUX FALLS, SD, July, 2, 2025— Today, FCC Chairman Brendan Carr delivered the first major policy speech of his Chairmanship in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. In the speech, he outlined his “Build America Agenda” for the Federal Communications Commission.

“It is time to unleash new growth and opportunity. It is time to build. Through the FCC’s Build America Agenda, we will do exactly that.”—FCC Chairman Brendan Carr

Highlights from Chairman Carr’s Build America Agenda:

- **Unleashing High-Speed Infrastructure Builds** – The FCC must do its part to unleash high-speed infrastructure builds in communities all across the country. We made a lot of good progress on this front during President Trump’s first term but there is more work to be done to cut red tape that is driving up costs and holding back Internet builds.
- **Restoring America’s Leadership in Wireless** – We also need to free up more spectrum that connects our communities and restore America’s wireless leadership. This is an important step because freeing up spectrum creates jobs, increases competition, and drives down prices for consumers.
- **Boosting America’s Space Economy** – From the high-speed Internet services they are offering to protecting the homeland, our space industry is delivering real results for the country. We must ensure that U.S. businesses dominate in orbit.
- **Cutting Red Tape and Modernizing FCC Operations** – Outdated and unnecessary regulations from Washington can derail efforts to bring communities across the digital divide. That is why our Build America Agenda includes a comprehensive initiative to eliminate rules and regulations that are unlawful, outdated, or no longer necessary.
- **Advancing National Security and Public Safety** – Our Build America Agenda will ensure the U.S. maintains secure and resilient networks. It will extend America’s leadership over China in the race for critical technologies like 5G, 6G, and AI so that American companies continue to be the gold standard around the world.
- **Strengthening America’s Workforce** – We cannot advance a Build America Agenda without a strong U.S. workforce. That is why the FCC is already working to ensure that tower and telecom crews can operate in a safe and sustainable environment with rising wages. By looking out for the American worker, we will see continued growth ahead.

FULL TEXT: <https://www.fcc.gov/document/chairman-carr-build-agenda-america-speech>

VIDEO: <https://www.youtube.com/live/qe4RHlhIbCg?si=IOr65absj2PMXdpY>

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WASHINGTON, DC 20554

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Commissioner

March 7, 2024

The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers
Chair, Committee on Energy & Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Frank Pallone
Ranking Member, Committee on Energy & Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: H.R. 7521, Protecting Americans From Foreign Adversary Controlled Applications Act

Dear Chair Rodgers, Ranking Member Pallone, and distinguished Members of the House Energy and Commerce Committee:

A broad cross-section of U.S. representatives, national security experts, and individual Americans alike have offered their strong support for H.R. 7521. And for good reason. H.R. 7521 is a smart, targeted bill that addresses the serious national security threats TikTok poses by requiring it to divest from Chinese Communist Party (CCP) control. Recently, the ACLU and others have opposed this legislation, but their arguments are predicated on a misreading of both the bill and Supreme Court law.

The bill protects First Amendment rights because it regulates conduct, not content.

Supreme Court precedent makes clear that Congress can require TikTok to cut ties with the CCP without violating the First Amendment. Specifically, the Supreme Court draws a distinction between laws based on the *content* of speech on the one hand and those based on *conduct* on the other. Laws that fall into the first category almost always violate the First Amendment. But those that fall into the second category by regulating non-expressive conduct do not.

Here, this bill is not based on the content of TikTok's protected speech or on any of the lawful content that TikTok users want to post, share, or receive. Instead, the bill takes action based on TikTok's illicit conduct—namely, the concrete threat to national security that TikTok poses as evidenced by its own pattern of illicit actions—conduct that is not protected by the First Amendment.

The Supreme Court's decision in *Arcara v. Cloud Books*, 478 U.S. 697 (1986), offers an analogous case in point. There, the government shut down a bookstore because the owner used the facility to engage in illegal conduct. The owner argued that, notwithstanding the illegal conduct, the

government could not close the store because the First Amendment protected the selling and purchasing of books. That is the exact same type of argument that the ACLU makes today. And the Supreme Court rejected it.

While the Supreme Court recognized that closing the store would have an incidental burden on protected speech, because people could no longer use that store to browse books, it upheld the closure because the government acted based on the owner's unlawful conduct, not based on the content of any speech. So too here.

The First Amendment does not protect espionage, and the Constitution does not require the government to allow TikTok's national security threat to persist simply because TikTok also enables Americans to use the platform for protected speech.

And to be clear—H.R. 7521 presents an even easier case from a First Amendment perspective because, contrary to the ACLU's representation—the bill would enable Americans to continue using TikTok, provided that it genuinely cuts ties with the CCP.

The bill does not grant the government any broad new powers.

Contrary to the ACLU's suggestion, H.R. 7521 does not give the Administration broad new powers. This bill is a smart, targeted, and rifle shot approach that addresses the serious risks posed by TikTok's ties to the CCP. As the text expressly states, "nothing in this Act may be construed to authorize the Attorney General to pursue enforcement . . . against an individual user of a foreign adversary controlled application." The bill goes on to state that "nothing in this Act may, except as expressly provided herein, to alter or affect any other authority provided by or established under another provision of Federal law." It does not sweep at all beyond an application that is both controlled by a foreign adversary and poses a demonstrated national security risk.

The Montana case only reinforces the need for Congress to pass this bill.

The ACLU suggests that a district court case that reviewed Montana's state law ban on TikTok means that Congress cannot enact H.R. 7521. But this argument is based on a misreading of that decision. That case turned on the district's court determination that an individual state did not have the authority to regulate what the court viewed as a matter of foreign affairs. That determination—whatever its merits—has no application at all to Congress, which plainly has authority to regulate in this area. Indeed, that court case only reinforces the need for Congress to act.

Congressional action on TikTok has not been rushed, far from it.

The ACLU argues that Congress has rushed too quickly through the process of acting on TikTok. Not so. The House Energy and Commerce Committee held a full Committee hearing on TikTok all the way back in March of last year when TikTok's Chief Executive Officer Shou Zi Chew testified. And that was far from the beginning of Congress's detailed and comprehensive consideration of TikTok's national security threats. TikTok's Chief Operating Officer testified before lawmakers on TikTok's risks in September 2022. TikTok's head of public policy testified before congressional lawmakers in October 2021. And it was publicly reported a year ago now that the Biden Administration ordered TikTok—after years of review and engagement through the CFIUS

process—to divest its ties to the CCP or face a ban in order to resolve TikTok’s national security risks.

The ACLU’s argument that privacy legislation would address TikTok’s national security threats misses the mark.

Privacy laws and national security laws are not the same thing. Just look at Europe. The E.U. has enacted some of the strictest data privacy laws in the world, and yet it has also taken separate actions to ban TikTok from official devices. Those bans would have been unnecessary if privacy laws alone were adequate to address the security risks posed by untrustworthy actors.

The ACLU’s reference to the Berman Amendment and IEEPA is a red herring.

The ACLU suggests that the Berman Amendment and IEEPA, or at least the principles underlying those laws, somehow conflict with Congress passing H.R. 7521. That is not the case. Those enactments impose certain limits on unilateral Executive Branch actions. They do not constrain in any way Congress’s decisions to pass laws like H.R. 7521.

Sincerely,



Brendan Carr

From: [Erin Boone](#)
To: [David Brown](#)
Subject: Re: Paramount/CBS
Date: Thursday, July 10, 2025 10:22:21 AM

Great. Draft as we discussed this morning for now but obviously tweaks will be made following the meetings/discussions with the parties.

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To: Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: Paramount/CBS

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From: Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2025 10:18 AM
To: David Brown <David.Brown@fcc.gov>
Subject: Re: Paramount/CBS

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I will set up meetings with the parties.

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From: Erin Boone
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To: David Brown <David.Brown@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: Paramount/CBS

Ok, thanks. Keep me posted and thanks for running this down.

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From: David Brown <David.Brown@fcc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2025 9:56 AM
To: Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: Paramount/CBS

I've talked to Joel (b) (5)




From: Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2025 9:34 AM
To: David Brown <David.Brown@fcc.gov>
Subject: FW: Paramount/CBS

Here you go.

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From: David Brown <David.Brown@fcc.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 25, 2025 9:42 AM
To: Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>; Benjamin Arden <Benjamin.Arden@fcc.gov>
Cc: Alexander Sanjenis <Alexander.Sanjenis@fcc.gov>
Subject: Paramount/CBS

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From: [Erin Boone](#)
To: [Benjamin Arden](#)
Subject: FW: Paramount/Skydance Draft as of 6/2/25
Date: Thursday, July 10, 2025 10:57:00 AM
Attachments: [Paramount CBS 7.10.25 draft.docx](#)
Importance: High

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From: David Brown <David.Brown@fcc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2025 10:18 AM
To: Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: Paramount/Skydance Draft as of 6/2/25
Importance: High

Here is the most recent version of the draft.

From: David Brown
Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2025 9:48 AM
To: Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: Paramount/Skydance Draft as of 6/2/25

Yes, that is an old draft. I told Chris to forward the most recent.

From: Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2025 9:44 AM
To: David Brown <David.Brown@fcc.gov>
Subject: FW: Paramount/Skydance Draft as of 6/2/25

Just confirming that I should old off on looking at this one because Chris has an updated one?

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From: Chris Robbins <Chris.Robbins@fcc.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 2, 2025 11:35 AM

To: Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>; Benjamin Arden <Benjamin.Arden@fcc.gov>; Alexander Sanjenis <Alexander.Sanjenis@fcc.gov>

Cc: David Brown <David.Brown@fcc.gov>

Subject: Paramount/Skydance Draft as of 6/2/25

Here is the draft order as of this morning (b) (5)

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Please let me know if you have any significant concerns with the draft. (b) (5)

[Redacted]

Chris

From: [Erin Boone](#)
To: [Greg Watson](#)
Subject: Fw: Commissioner Trusty Response to Letter Regarding Paramount Merger
Date: Monday, July 14, 2025 5:45:09 PM
Attachments: [25.07.10 Letter to Commissioner Trusty on Paramount Merger.pdf](#)
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Sent: Monday, July 14, 2025 2:51:38 PM
To: Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>
Cc: Krista Senell <Krista.Senell@fcc.gov>
Subject: Commissioner Trusty Response to Letter Regarding Paramount Merger

Hi Erin,

Linked below is Commissioner Trusty's draft response to the letter from Senator Markey and

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Thank you.

[Commissioner Olivia Trusty Response to Senators Markey and Lujan re Paramount.docx](#)

Jessy Kinsey
Acting Legal Advisor
Office of Commissioner Olivia Trusty
Federal Communications Commission

United States Senate

July 10, 2025

The Honorable Olivia Trusty
Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
45 L Street, NE
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commissioner Trusty,

Congratulations on your recent confirmation to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). We write today regarding the proposed merger between Paramount Global and Skydance Media now pending before the FCC. Paramount's recent agreement to settle for \$16 million a frivolous lawsuit brought by President Donald Trump against CBS — a Paramount subsidiary — over its editorial decision-making raises serious questions about Paramount's rationale for the settlement and its implications for media independence. For that reason, we urge you to insist that the FCC conduct its merger review with the utmost transparency, including holding a full Commission vote on any order to approve the merger.

As we explained in a letter to Chairman Brendan Carr in May,¹ the Paramount-Skydance merger is unique in the FCC's storied history, with the sitting President actively litigating against a news organization whose parent is seeking FCC approval of a major media merger. In that baseless lawsuit, Trump falsely alleged that CBS had violated state consumer protection laws through its editorial decisions around an interview of then-Vice President Kamala Harris. Although the transcript of the interview indisputably showed that Trump's claims were a flagrant attempt to intimidate the media,² Paramount has nevertheless agreed to settle that lawsuit for \$16 million.³ This settlement casts a shadow over the proposed Paramount-Skydance merger and raises serious questions about the editorial independence of one of the nation's largest media organizations. The Commission cannot turn a blind eye to this context.

For that reason, in our May letter, we urged Chairman Carr to hold a vote on the merger by the full Commission, instead of unilaterally directing the Media Bureau to approve it on its delegated authority. Commissioner Anna Gomez has similarly called for a full Commission vote

¹ Letter from Senators Edward J. Markey and Ben Ray Lujan, to Brendan Carr, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission (May 13, 2025),

https://www.markey.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/letter_to_fcc_on_paramount-skydance_merger_vote.pdf.

² See, e.g., Joe Lancaster, *Transcript Proves the 60 Minutes Scandal Was Always Fake*, Reason Magazine (Feb. 6, 2025), <https://reason.com/2025/02/06/transcript-proves-the-60-minutes-scandal-was-always-fake/>; Brian Stelter, *The FCC just published CBS' raw Kamala Harris '60 Minutes' interview*, CNN (Feb. 5, 2025), <https://www.cnn.com/2025/02/05/media/cbs-kamala-harris-60-minutes-interview/index.html>.

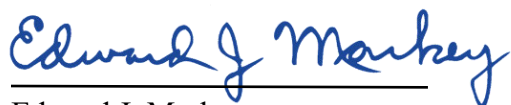
³ See, e.g., Benjamin Mullin et al., *Paramount to Pay Trump \$16 Million to Settle '60 Minutes' Lawsuit*, N.Y. Times (July 2, 2025), <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/07/02/business/media/paramount-trump-60-minutes-lawsuit.html>.

The Honorable Olivia Trusty
July 10, 2025
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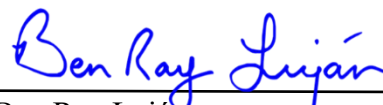
on the merger.⁴ We respectfully request you to join her and encourage Chairman Carr to schedule a full Commission vote. The FCC owes the public a transparent, deliberative process on such a high-profile and controversial issue.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to working with you to ensure that our media and communications systems serve the public interest, uphold democratic values, and reflect the highest standards of transparency and accountability.

Sincerely,



Edward J. Markey
United States Senator



Ben Ray Luján
United States Senator

⁴ Statement, FCC Commissioner Anna M. Gomez on Paramount Payout (July 2, 2025), <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DOC-412662A1.pdf> (“Approving this transaction behind closed doors and under the cover of bureaucratic process would be a shameful outcome that denies the American people the transparency and accountability they deserve, especially when press freedom is at stake.”).

From: [Erin Boone](#)
To: [Benjamin Arden](#)
Subject: Fw: Draft affiliate letter
Date: Monday, July 14, 2025 5:55:07 PM
Attachments: [Chairman Carr Letter to Comcast re affiliates 6.29.25 bda.docx](#)

This version is basically what I sent him. I am having trouble finding my email to him on my phone but it didn't change your edits.

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Sent: Thursday, July 3, 2025 12:11 PM
To: Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>; Alexander Sanjenis <Alexander.Sanjenis@fcc.gov>
Subject: Re: Draft affiliate letter

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From: Benjamin Arden <Benjamin.Arden@fcc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 3, 2025 12:10 PM
To: Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>; Alexander Sanjenis <Alexander.Sanjenis@fcc.gov>
Subject: Re: Draft affiliate letter

For your consideration.

From: Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 3, 2025 9:09 AM
To: Benjamin Arden <Benjamin.Arden@fcc.gov>; Alexander Sanjenis <Alexander.Sanjenis@fcc.gov>
Subject: Draft affiliate letter

Thoughts?

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From: [Erin Boone](#)
To: [David Brown](#)
Subject: Fw: Edits to draft public interest letter
Date: Wednesday, July 16, 2025 4:48:40 AM
Attachments: [SK Media Bias Letter to FCC 7.15 edits to BC.docx](#)

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Cc: Benjamin Arden <Benjamin.Arden@fcc.gov>; Greg Watson <Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov>
Subject: Edits to draft public interest letter

Chairman –

Attached for your review is a redline of the draft bias/public interest commitment letter that Paramount shared with us today. It includes edits from both Ben and me.

Thanks,

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From: [Erin Boone](#)
To: [Christopher Santini](#); [OIRA-Status-Update](#)
Subject: RE: Draft Significance Determination Submission 2022 Quadrennial Review
Date: Wednesday, July 16, 2025 8:31:00 PM
Attachments: [EO 12866 Significance Determination -- 2022 Quadrennial Review \(7.16.25\) ECB edits.docx](#)


Attached are my edits. Thanks!

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From: Christopher Santini <Christopher.Santini@fcc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2025 6:22 PM
To: [OIRA-Status-Update](#) <OIRA-Status-Update@fcc.gov>
Subject: Draft Significance Determination Submission 2022 Quadrennial Review

Hi Everyone,

Attached is a draft significance determination submission for the 2022 Quadrennial Review NPRM. (b) (5)



Thanks,

Chris

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From: [Erin Boone](#)
To: [Benjamin Arden](#)
Subject: Fw: Memo on Equal Opportunities Exemptions
Date: Friday, July 18, 2025 12:05:53 PM

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From: Maria Mullarkey <Maria.Mullarkey@fcc.gov>
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2025 11:56 AM
To: Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>; Lori Maarbjerg <Lori.Maarbje@fcc.gov>; Alexander Sanjenis <Alexander.Sanjenis@fcc.gov>
Cc: Sima Nilsson <Sima.Nilsson@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: Memo on Equal Opportunities Exemptions

Thanks, Erin! Similar to what we did for ATSC 3.0, we are working through an options memo that will lay out the issues, and then will plan to set up a meeting with you later next week to discuss. And we can talk more about timing at that that meeting as well.

From: Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2025 11:22 AM
To: Maria Mullarkey <Maria.Mullarkey@fcc.gov>; Lori Maarbjerg <Lori.Maarbje@fcc.gov>; Alexander Sanjenis <Alexander.Sanjenis@fcc.gov>
Cc: Sima Nilsson <Sima.Nilsson@fcc.gov>
Subject: Re: Memo on Equal Opportunities Exemptions

One thing I forgot to mention is that (b) (5)

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To: Maria Mullarkey <[Maria.Mullarkey@fcc.gov](#)>; Lori Maarbjerg <[Lori.Maarbje@fcc.gov](#)>; Alexander Sanjenis <[Alexander.Sanjenis@fcc.gov](#)>
Cc: Sima Nilsson <[Sima.Nilsson@fcc.gov](#)>
Subject: Re: Memo on Equal Opportunities Exemptions

Hi Maria,
My apologies if I didn't respond before now. (b) (5)

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Sent: Friday, July 11, 2025 3:14 PM

To: Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>; Lori Maarbjerg <Lori.Maarbjie@fcc.gov>; Alexander Sanjenis <Alexander.Sanjenis@fcc.gov>

Cc: Sima Nilsson <Sima.Nilsson@fcc.gov>

Subject: RE: Memo on Equal Opportunities Exemptions

Thanks, Erin! We'll get started on working through some options, but two initial questions:

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From: Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>

Sent: Friday, July 11, 2025 2:38 PM

To: Lori Maarbjerg <Lori.Maarbjie@fcc.gov>; Alexander Sanjenis <Alexander.Sanjenis@fcc.gov>

Cc: Maria Mullarkey <Maria.Mullarkey@fcc.gov>; Sima Nilsson <Sima.Nilsson@fcc.gov>

Subject: RE: Memo on Equal Opportunities Exemptions

All,

At my Media check in with the Chairman this week, he brought up the memo and gave some feedback on his vision for the political broadcasting rules. (b) (5)

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Happy to sit down and discuss in more detail when I am back the following week. I'm thinking we should start with an options memo/outline that lays out the following. In the meantime let me know your thoughts/questions.

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From: Lori Maarbjerg <Lori.Maarbjeg@fcc.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, July 9, 2025 11:33 AM

To: Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>

Cc: Maria Mullarkey <Maria.Mullarkey@fcc.gov>; Sima Nilsson <Sima.Nilsson@fcc.gov>

Subject: Memo on Equal Opportunities Exemptions

Hi Erin. Attached please find the requested memo on the equal opportunities exemptions. It was a collaborative effort between the three of us, so feel free to reach out with any questions. Thanks!

From: [Erin Boone](#)
To: [Benjamin Arden](#); [Alexander Sanjenis](#)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL]: FCC Complaint just filed
Date: Tuesday, April 22, 2025 7:16:00 AM
Attachments: [Garcia CBS NBC ABC vMF.pdf](#)

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From: Daniel Suhr <dsuhr@americanrights.org>
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2025 2:01 PM
To: Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]: FCC Complaint just filed

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Dear Erin,

Good afternoon. I'm writing to let you know that the Center for American Rights just filed a news distortion complaint against NBC, ABC, and CBS for their inaccurate and slanted coverage of the Abrego Garcia story. The informal consumer complaint was assigned ticket number 7794183 by the FCC's automatic tracking system. A copy of the complaint is attached.

We appreciate the Chairman's continued attention to the importance of news integrity.

Sincerely,
Daniel Suhr

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554**

*News Distortion Complaint against
NBC, ABC, and CBS regarding
coverage of Kilmar Abrego Garcia*

Informal Consumer Complaint

COMPLAINT OF THE CENTER FOR AMERICAN RIGHTS

Every broadcast licensee has an “obligation to present the news in an accurate manner.” *In the matter of the handling of public issues under the Fairness Doctrine*, 48 F.C.C.2d 1, 21 (1974). Going back decades, this Commission has insisted that a licensee may not “distort or suppress the basic factual information upon which any truly fair and free discussion of public issues must necessarily depend.” *Report on Editorializing by Broadcast Licensees*, 13 F.C.C. 1246, 1254 (1949).

Yet that is precisely the situation regarding the deportation of illegal alien Kilmar Abrego Garcia. NBC, ABC, and CBS have all done a grave disservice to the basic facts of the controversy by consistently referring to him as a “Maryland father” and in some instances even presenting false information, like calling him a “legal resident.” The actual facts—that he is an illegal alien and that an immigration judge has found he is a member of a violent gang—are not reported or are treated as unconfirmed rumors. The story is slanted in a way that distorts, misrepresents, or simply incorrectly reports the basic facts.

Broadcasters should not abuse their airwaves by “misleading the American public—implying that Abrego Garcia was merely a law abiding U.S. citizen, just a regular ‘Maryland man.’” @BrendanCarrFCC (April 16, 2025). Nor should they “ignore” the “truth” when it comes out. *Id.* “[F]ederal law requires its licensed

operations to serve the public interest. News distortion doesn't cut it." *Id.* The basic facts of the controversy are these: "Abrego Garcia came to America illegally from El Salvador, was validated as a member of the violent MS13 gang—a transnational criminal organization—and was denied bond by an immigration court for failure to show he would not pose a danger to others." *Id.* These are "facts of obvious public interest," *id.*, core to an accurate understanding of this important public issue, and the broadcasters fail the public with their inaccurate and misleading reporting.

To protect the American people from further distortion, the Commission should act promptly to insist these broadcasters honor their public interest obligations.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Abrego Garcia is an illegal alien. His wife filed for a protective order based on multiple incidents of domestic violence. According to an immigration judge, he is a verified member of a violent transnational gang. But if you listen to broadcast news, he is a loving Maryland father and legal resident of the United States. That glaring disconnect is news distortion.

Factual Background as to Abrego Garcia

1. Garcia crossed into the United States illegally in 2012. He is therefore an illegal alien who was present unlawfully in the country.
2. He was taken into custody by DHS in 2019.¹

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3. A federal immigration judge found “trustworthy” DHS’s conclusion that Garcia was a gang member. The judge found that “the evidence shows that he is a verified member of MS-13.”²
4. The immigration judge also found that he had a “history of failing to appear for proceedings pertaining to his traffic violations.”³
5. The Board of Immigration Appeals reviewed and affirmed the immigration judge’s finding regarding his dangerousness to the community.⁴
6. Because of a subsequent finding of his potential endangerment if returned to El Salvador, another immigration judge ordered that he could not be removed to El Salvador. That finding did not bar the government from removing him to any other country besides El Salvador.⁵

NBC Coverage of Abrego Garcia

As Chairman Carr’s tweet pointed out, Comcast entities have failed in their obligation to fairly and accurately report the truth of the Garcia case.

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https://storage.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.mdd.578815/gov.uscourts.mdd.578815.1.1_2.pdf. See <https://cis.org/Arthur/Judge-Orders-Return-Alien-Removed-El-Salvador-Administrative-Error>.

- NBC News ran a story, for instance, framing the headline in an entirely sympathetic manner: “How a Chicago Bulls hat led to a Maryland dad being mistakenly shipped to an El Salvador prison.”⁶ The story opens, “Police believed Kilmar Abrego Garcia was a member of the MS-13 gang for two reasons: He was wearing a Chicago Bulls hat and hoodie, and an unnamed informant had told them so.” No mention is made that an immigration judge validated this conclusion. The story later calls him a “protected legal resident,” which is not accurate. He was an illegal alien, not a legal resident, and was eligible for deportation to any country other than El Salvador. The story continues, “On March 28, 2019, Abrego Garcia and three other noncitizens were apprehended by local authorities...” The story refers to Garcia as a “noncitizen” rather than an illegal alien. The story says law enforcement “apprehended Abrego Garcia in an IKEA parking lot while his 5-year-old son, who is autistic, was in the backseat of their car.” The gratuitous mention of his son’s autism villainizes the police’s timing on his apprehension.
- A second story from NBC News reiterates that he is “a Maryland man” and “a legal resident protected from deportation by a 2019 court order.”⁷ Again, this is not true—he was protected from deportation only to El Salvador, and he was not a legal resident.

⁶ <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/chicago-bulls-hat-led-maryland-dad-mistakenly-shipped-el-salvador-pris-rcna200166>

⁷ <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/trump-administration-asks-scotus-block-order-return-man-mistakenly-dep-rcna199979>

- A third story from NBC News says, “The Maryland father, a legal resident protected from deportation by a 2019 court order, was mistakenly sent to the Salvadoran prison along with other men who were alleged to be gang members. The Trump administration claims Abrego Garcia is a member of MS-13, though he has never been charged with or convicted of a crime. His attorneys said there is no evidence he was in the gang...”⁸ Again, he is not a legal resident, but an illegal alien. The Trump administration does not “claim” he is a member of MS-13—a federal immigration judge has found that he was a member of MS-13 based on evidence.
- NBC’s directly owned-and-operated affiliates posted a story, “Deported ‘in error’: How a Maryland dad ended up in an El Salvador prison.”⁹ The two reporters emphasize he has a “clean record,” with “nothing in there,” not even a “speeding ticket.” They missed that he does have arrests, filings accusing him of multiple acts of domestic violence, and an immigration judge’s order finding he is a member of MS-13.

⁸ <https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/immigration/mistakenly-deported-man-alive-detained-el-salvador-trump-admin-says-rcna201018>

⁹ <https://www.nbcsandiego.com/local/empty-plane-seat-and-judges-order-how-a-md-dad-ended-up-in-a-salvadoran-prison/3796719/>. In addition to NBC4 in DC, stations that picked it up include NBC affiliates in San Diego, Philadelphia, Dallas, Chicago, Miami, and New York, suggesting it was syndicated to all NBC’s directly owned-and-operated stations.

*ABC Coverage of Abrego Garcia*¹⁰

- Multiple ABC News national broadcasts referred to him as a “Maryland man” (April 14; April 12); “a husband and father who lived in Maryland” (April 15); “an undocumented immigrant from El Salvador [who] was working and living in Maryland with his American wife and children” (April 16); from “Maryland, where he lives with his wife, Jennifer, and 5-year-old son who has autism” (April 1); and “a Maryland husband and father” (April 16).

*CBS Coverage of Abrego Garcia*¹¹

- In numerous broadcasts, CBS News has referred to Abrego Garcia as a “Maryland father.” CBS News Mornings, April 16; CBS Mornings, April 14; CBS News Mornings, April 11; CBS News Mornings, April 8; CBS Mornings, April 7; CBS News Mornings, April 2; CBS Mornings, April 2.
- Other CBS News broadcasts refer to him as a “Maryland man.” CBS News Mornings, April 18; CBS News Mornings, April 16; CBS News Mornings, April 15; CBS Mornings, April 15; CBS News Mornings, April 14; Sunday Weekend News, April 13; CBS News Mornings, April 7; CBS Mornings, April 7; Sunday Weekend News, April 6; CBS Evening News, April 4.
- Another CBS broadcast referred to him as a “Maryland resident.” CBS News Mornings, April 17.

¹⁰ Reports found in the ABC News Transcripts sub-set of News on LexisNexis.

¹¹ Reports found in the CBS News Transcripts sub-set of News on LexisNexis.

- CBS Evening News Plus, a streaming service that provides additional content to CBS Evening News, referred to Abrego Garcia as “a protected legal resident in the United States.” April 1.
- CBS News reported that Abrego Garcia’s wife denied that her husband is a criminal or in a gang but did not report that an immigration judge found that he was a verified member of MS-13.¹²

LEGAL DISCUSSION

The Commission’s foundational 1949 report makes clear: “The basis for any fair consideration of public issues, and particularly those of a controversial nature, is the presentation of news and information concerning the basic facts of the controversy in as complete and impartial a manner as possible. A licensee would be abusing his position as public trustee of these important means of mass communication were he to withhold from expression over his facilities relevant news or facts concerning a controversy or to slant or distort the presentation of such news. No discussion of the issues involved in any controversy can be fair or in the public interest where such discussion must take place in a climate of false or misleading information concerning the basic facts of the controversy.” *Report on Editorializing by Broadcast Licensees*, 13 F.C.C. at 1254-55.

In the decades since the 1949 Report was issued, the Commission has consistently insisted that “[n]ews gathering and dissemination” are “an area where the licensee must be scrupulously fair.” *In re Amendment of Part 73 of the Rules*, 12

¹² <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/wife-man-error-deported-to-el-salvador-prison/>

F.C.C.2d 250, 251 (1968). “Central to [a licensee’s] responsibilities is an obligation to afford fair and evenhanded treatment to public issues. . .” *In re Applications of Acadiana Broadcasting Co., Inc.*, 88 F.C.C.2d 367, 373 (1981).

In doing so, the Commission has reflected Congress’s directive as to how to enforce the public-interest standard: broadcasters must “provide fair and objective presentation of issues.” *Office of Communication of United Church of Christ v. FCC*, 590 F.2d 1062, 1068 (D.C. Cir. 1978) (citing S. Rep. No. 562, 86th Cong., 1st Sess. 4-5, 13 (1959), which says, “The Committee desires to make it crystal clear that the discretion provided by this legislation shall not exempt licensees ... from objective presentation [of the news] in the public interest.” *Id.* at 1068, n.12, brackets original to the D.C. Circuit opinion).

While news reporting must be “scrupulously fair,” “evenhanded,” and must avoid “false and misleading information,” explicit editorializing by the station owner is also acceptable. *In re Revoke License of Springfield Tv Broad. Corp. Station Wrlp-Tv Greenfield*, 1965 FCC LEXIS 766, *7. Such “editorialization, by definition, involves an attempt to mold public opinion, to persuade or to win acceptance for a particular viewpoint.” *In re Miners Broad. Serv.*, 20 F.C.C.2d 1061, 1061-1062 (1970). Editorials, however, must be “clearly identified” as such when they are broadcast. *In re Amendment of Part 73 of the Rules*, 12 F.C.C.2d 250, 266 (1968) (concurring statement of Comm’r Cox) (quoting ‘Editorializing on the Air,’ 2d ed., 1963, prepared by the Committee on Editorializing of the National Association of Broadcasters).

Problems arise, however, when a licensee smuggles editorializing into news reporting. Such editorializing masked as news reporting betrays the basic principles of broadcasting: “It is this right of the public to be informed, rather than any right on the part of the Government, any broadcast licensee or any individual member of the public to broadcast his own particular views on any matter which is the foundation stone of the American system of broadcasting.” *In re Interpretation of Second Sentence of Section 315a*, 1963 FCC LEXIS 53, *12-13 (quoting *Report on Editorializing by Broadcast Licensees*, 13 F.C.C. at 1249). Yet this is often what happens: a news report has the function of molding public opinion, persuading viewers to a particular viewpoint on a controversial topic.

At the same time, this Commission has an understandable reluctance to serve as “the national arbiter of truth in broadcast journalism.” *In Re Applications of Effingham Broadcasting Co., Inc.*, 51 F.C.C.2d 453, 457 (1975). Thus, the Commission has said that “[a]bsent extrinsic evidence of deliberate distortion or staging, we are prohibited from substituting our judgment for the reasonable, good faith journalistic judgment of the licensee.” *In Re Application of Newhouse Broadcasting Corporation For Renewal of License of Television Station KTVI, St. Louis, Missouri*, 61 F.C.C.2d 528, 535 (1976).

At the complaint stage, however, the Commission has said that “[i]t is sufficient for a petitioner to raise a ‘substantial and material question of fact’ as to intent, and the Commission cannot require a petitioner to demonstrate ‘intent.’” *In re TVT License, Inc.*, 22 FCC Rcd 13591, 13595 (2007). It is enough to see a good deal of

“smoke”—a complainant need not produce hard evidence of fire at the initial filing stage. See *Serafyn v. FCC*, 149 F.3d 1213, 1220 (D.C. Cir. 1998) (quoting *Citizens for Jazz on WRVR, Inc. v. FCC*, 775 F.2d 392, 397 (D.C. Cir. 1985)).

Here, there is plenty of “smoke”—the factual record of Mr. Abrego Garcia’s immigration case is available to anyone on the Internet, and yet the broadcast news programs consistently ignore these essential facts to push a preferred, distorted version of the story.

However, the Commission should also not take for granted the other element of the news distortion policy as currently formulated—that in a final commission determination, external evidence is necessary to displace the assumption of a “reasonable, good faith journalistic judgment” by the broadcaster. In the current media environment, the American people no longer extend an assumption of “reasonable good faith” to broadcast journalism, and this reality should prompt the Commission to question whether it should do so either.

Since the FCC’s 1949 report, the news distortion framework has been built upon the core assumption of good faith on the part of licensees: “the duty to operate in the public interest . . . is essentially a duty to operate a [broadcast] station with good judgment and good faith guided by a reasonable regard for the interests of the community to be served.” 13 F.C.C. at 1256. In its next major report, issued in 1974, the Commission repeated this framework: “It is a matter of critical importance to the public that the basic facts or elements of a controversy should not be deliberately suppressed or misstated by a licensee. But, we must recognize that

such distortions are ‘so continually done in perfect good faith, by persons who are not considered... ignorant or incompetent, that it is rarely possible, on adequate grounds, conscientiously to stamp the misrepresentations as morally culpable....’ J. S. Mill, *On Liberty* 31 (People’s ed. 1921).” *In the matter of the handling of public issues under the Fairness Doctrine*, 48 F.C.C.2d 1, 21 (1974).

Numerous subsequent decisions specific to news coverage reiterate this standard. *See, e.g., Applications for Renewal of Licenses of Television Stations at Denver*, 1998 FCC LEXIS 2089, *10 (staff letter) (“editorial judgments regarding news programs are committed to a broadcaster’s good faith discretion.”); *In re Application of American Broadcasting Companies, Inc.; For Renewal of License of Station KGO-TV*, 83 F.C.C.2d 302, 305 (1980) (“The choice of what is or is not to be covered in the presentation of broadcast news is a matter committed to the licensee’s good faith discretion.”); *In Re Applications of Effingham Broadcasting Co.*, 51 F.C.C.2d 453, 457 n.6 (1975) (“It is for the licensee to determine, in the exercise of good faith news judgment, which stories warrant coverage and the method of that coverage.”); *In Re Application of Miami Valley Broadcasting Corp.*, 48 F.C.C.2d 177, 188 (1974) (“In making news decisions, a licensee’s good faith judgment will be accepted, at least in the absence of a showing by extrinsic evidence that there has been deliberate distortion or staging.”). *See also In re Requests of Fox Broadcasting Company*, 11 FCC Rcd 11101, 11111 (1996) (relying on broadcaster “discretion” and “good faith news judgment” regarding candidate access to airtime, while still insisting

on “reasonable safeguards against broadcaster favoritism” toward certain candidates).

The problem today is that the American people no longer assume good faith on the part of broadcasters in making news judgments. A 2023 poll by Gallup and the Knight Foundation found: “Asked whether they agreed with the statement that national news organizations do not intend to mislead, 50% said they disagreed. Only 25% agreed . . . Similarly, 52% disagreed with a statement that disseminators of national news ‘care about the best interests of their readers, viewers and listeners’ . . . It said 23% of respondents believed the journalists were acting in the public’s best interests.” David Bauder, *Study shows ‘striking’ number who believe news misinforms*, Assoc. Press (Feb. 15, 2023).

Many Americans believe “[n]early all television—network and cable—is a Democratic Party trumpet.” *Tah v. Global Witness Publ., Inc.*, 991 F.3d 231, 254-56 (Silberman, J., dissenting).¹³ That belief—that news broadcasters slant the news in line with a consistent ideological agenda—undermines one of the core pillars of the present news distortion framework.

When the American people no longer trust broadcast news media’s good faith, this Commission needs to exercise more vigorous enforcement of the public interest standard.¹⁴ *See Brandywine--Main Line Radio, Inc. v. FCC*, 473 F.2d 16, 46-47 (D.C.

¹³ See <https://today.yougov.com/politics/articles/49552-trust-in-media-2024-which-news-outlets-americans-trust>.

¹⁴ To the extent that this represents a change in Commission policy, the Commission is justified in making the change given the changes in the media landscape. *Larus & Bro. Co. v. Federal Communications Com.*, 447 F.2d 876, 879 (4th Cir. 1971).

Cir. 1972) (the court begins its analysis by evaluating whether the licensee deserves a presumption of good faith when evaluating its compliance with its public interest obligations—there, the fairness doctrine—and concludes that it does not).

Exercising greater vigilance when applying the news distortion standard, given the lack of a good-faith presumption, does not violate the First Amendment. As the Supreme Court has said many times, the First Amendment operates differently in the broadcast context because the public’s rights come above those of the broadcaster. “It is the right of the viewers and listeners, not the right of the broadcasters, which is paramount.” *CBS v. FCC*, 453 U.S. 367, 395 (1981) (quoting *Red Lion Broadcasting Co. v. FCC*, 395 U.S. 367, 390 (1969)). The public’s right to accurate news trumps the broadcasters’ right to slant the news in their preferred ideological direction. See *Report on Editorializing by Broadcast Licensees*, 13 F.C.C. at 1257. And the First Amendment does not protect “inaccurate . . . reports of facts.” *Time, Inc. v. Firestone*, 424 U.S. 448, 457 (1976).

CONCLUSION

“The integrity of news broadcasting is crucial to an informed, responsible electorate and the Commission has stressed the continuing duty of licensees to take adequate measures to insure such integrity.” *In Re Complaint by James A. McCann*, 38 F.C.C.2d 1036, 1037 (1972). NBC, ABC, and CBS have not acted with journalistic integrity in their reporting on Mr. Abrego Garcia. Quite the opposite, in fact. Their extreme and evident bias on this story is just one more reason “[m]ore Americans trust gas station sushi than the legacy national media.” @BrendanCarrFCC (Feb. 26,

2025). That sort of self-evident news distortion, providing “false or misleading information concerning the basic facts” of the story (*Report on Editorializing*, 13 F.C.C. at 1254), is a failure of their responsibilities under the public interest standard.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Daniel R. Suhr".

Daniel R. Suhr, president
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Monday, April 21, 2025

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From: [Erin Boone](#)
To: [Eduard Bartholme](#); [Danielle Thumann](#)
Cc: [James Brown](#); [Kristi Thornton](#)
Subject: RE: CAR News Distortion Complaint
Date: Tuesday, April 22, 2025 9:41:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Yep, I received it directly. Thanks for the flag Ed!

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From: Eduard Bartholme <Eduard.Bartholme@fcc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 22, 2025 9:26 AM
To: Danielle Thumann <Danielle.Thumann@fcc.gov>; Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>
Cc: James Brown <James.Brown@fcc.gov>; Kristi Thornton <Kristi.Thornton@fcc.gov>
Subject: CAR News Distortion Complaint

Danielle and Erin,

CICD received an informal complaint submission from the Center for American Rights (CAR). This was [reported in this morning's CommDaily](#). With OCH approval, CICD will assign this complaint to EB, similar to the previous complaint filed by CAR related to 60 minutes.

A PDF of the complaint ticket and the PDF attachment they provided is a new folder in the OCH folder CICD has previously shared with you:

 [CAR News Distortion](#)

Regards
Ed


From: [Erin Boone](#)
To: [David Brown](#); [Benjamin Arden](#)
Cc: [Alexander Sanjenis](#)
Subject: RE: Paramount/CBS
Date: Friday, April 25, 2025 9:43:00 AM

Great, thanks for running that down, David.

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From: David Brown <David.Brown@fcc.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 25, 2025 9:42 AM
To: Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>; Benjamin Arden <Benjamin.Arden@fcc.gov>
Cc: Alexander Sanjenis <Alexander.Sanjenis@fcc.gov>
Subject: Paramount/CBS

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From: [Erin Boone](#)
To: [Patrick Webre](#)
Subject: RE: Comm Daily Article
Date: Monday, April 28, 2025 7:54:00 AM

Thanks. Yeah, saw that Friday.

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From: Patrick Webre <Patrick.Webre@fcc.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 28, 2025 7:39 AM
To: Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>
Subject: Comm Daily Article

Happy Monday. Just an FYI:

Conservative Group Takes Credit for Paramount Global Ending DEI Initiatives
Paramount Global has eliminated its diversity, equity and inclusion programs in the face of America First Legal lawsuits against the company and its CBS subsidiary, the conservative administrative law nonprofit said last week. AFL said it has also secured a settlement with Paramount and CBS regarding an AFL client—a script supervisor for the show SEAL Team—who alleged discrimination by dint of not being an underrepresented minority. Paramount has committed to no longer setting numerical goals related to race, ethnicity, sex or gender and no longer collecting demographic data of applicants, AFL said. Paramount didn't comment Friday. FCC Chairman Brendan Carr has also targeted DEI initiatives at companies the agency regulates (see 2503280038).

Patrick Webre

Acting Chief, Enforcement Bureau

From: [Erin Boone](#)
To: [Joel Graham](#)
Cc: [Christopher Santini](#)
Subject: RE: [OCH Search Request] FOIA 2025-586
Date: Tuesday, April 29, 2025 8:50:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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Hi Joel,
 Thanks. I saved my emails to the file. Have a great day.

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From: Joel Graham <Joel.Graham@fcc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 29, 2025 8:03 AM
To: Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>
Cc: Christopher Santini <Christopher.Santini@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: [OCH Search Request] FOIA 2025-586

Hi Erin,

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Joel

From: Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 28, 2025 5:02 PM
To: Joel Graham <Joel.Graham@fcc.gov>
Cc: Christopher Santini <Christopher.Santini@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: [OCH Search Request] FOIA 2025-586

Hi Joel,
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Thanks,

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From: Joel Graham <Joel.Graham@fcc.gov>

Sent: Monday, April 28, 2025 12:06 PM

To: Scott Delacourt <Scott.Delacourt@fcc.gov>; Greg Watson <Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov>; Arpan Sura <Arpan.Sura@fcc.gov>; Danielle Thumann <Danielle.Thumann@fcc.gov>; Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>; Adam Chan <Adam.Chan@fcc.gov>; Anthony Patrone <Anthony.Patrone@fcc.gov>; Matthew Mittelstaedt <Matthew.Mittelstaedt@fcc.gov>; Adam Jackman <Adam.Jackman@fcc.gov>; Stephanie Chambless <Stephanie.Chambless@fcc.gov>

Cc: Kristi Thompson <Kristi.Thompson@fcc.gov>; Joel Graham <Joel.Graham@fcc.gov>; Christopher Santini <Christopher.Santini@fcc.gov>

Subject: [OCH Search Request] FOIA 2025-586

All,

The Commission has received the attached FOIA request, which seeks:

“A copy of each email (TO, FROM, and CC) containing the phrase "60 Minutes" for emails dating between January 20, 2025 and February 6, 2025, in the email accounts of each of the following individuals: Brendan Carr, Scott Delacourt, Greg Watson, Arpan Sura, Danielle Thumann, Erin Boone, Adam Chan, Anthony Patrone, Matt Mittelstaedt, Adam Jackman, and Stephanie Chambliss. Please omit news articles and compilations of news clippings.”

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Thank you.

Joel Graham
Attorney
Office of General Counsel
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Search Guidance

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From: [Erin Boone](#)
To: [Daniel Daly](#)
Cc: [Danielle Thumann](#); [Benjamin Arden](#)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL]: NAB Comments OMB Control No 3060-0174
Date: Thursday, May 8, 2025 8:26:00 AM
Attachments: [3.14.25 Supporting Statement OMB 3060-0174 Revision \(3\).docx](#)

Hi Dan,
Just following up on the FSID PRA question from Nick that Danielle passed along. (b) (5)

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Let me know if this gives you what you need!

Thanks,

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From: Daniel Daly <Daniel.Daly@fcc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 4:47 PM
To: Danielle Thumann <Danielle.Thumann@fcc.gov>
Cc: Callie Coker <Callie.Coker@fcc.gov>
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL]: NAB Comments OMB Control No [3060-0174](#)

Hi Danielle – Good afternoon. Hope you are doing well. (b) (5)

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Hope that makes sense.

Thanks! – Dan

From: Fraser, Nicholas A. EOP/OMB (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 10:41 AM
To: Cathy Williams <Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL]: NAB Comments OMB Control No [3060-0174](#)

Hi Cathy Im focusing on this now. While I do that I have one request I would like you to run up your chain there. (b) (5)

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Thanks.

-Nick

From: [Erin Boone](#)
To: [Adam Candeub](#)
Subject: FW: Audible crawl waiver order
Date: Thursday, May 8, 2025 9:56:00 AM
Attachments: [12-107 2025 Waiver Order CLEAN 5.6.25.docx](#)

Draft waiver. (b) (5)

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From: Diana Sokolow <Diana.Sokolow@fcc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 12:56 PM
To: Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>
Cc: Hillary DeNigro <Hillary.DeNigro@fcc.gov>; Maria Mullarkey <Maria.Mullarkey@fcc.gov>
Subject: Audible crawl waiver order

Hi Erin,

As discussed, attached for your review please find a draft of the (b) (5) incorporating DRO's minor line edits. Feel free to let us know if you have questions.

Thanks,
Diana

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From: [Erin Boone](#)
To: [Adam Candeub](#); [Arpan Sura](#)
Subject: Public interest standard
Date: Friday, May 9, 2025 10:43:00 AM
Attachments: [Public Interest - Research.docx](#)


Attached is the memo I mentioned.

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From: [Erin Boone](#)
To: [Brendan Carr](#)
Cc: [Adam Candeub](#)
Subject: (b) (5) waiver order for review - May 26 deadline
Date: Friday, May 9, 2025 12:44:00 PM
Attachments: [12-107 2025 Waiver Order clean 5.9.25.docx](#)

Chairman –

Attached for your review is the bureau-level (b) (5) waiver order. (b) (5)



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From: [Erin Boone](#)
To: [David Brown](#); [Alexander Sanjenis](#); [Benjamin Arden](#)
Subject: FW: Letter to Chairman Carr on Paramount/Skydance Merger
Date: Monday, May 12, 2025 4:23:00 PM
Attachments: [25.05.13 Letter to FCC on Paramount-Skydance Merger Vote.pdf](#)

FYI

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From: Matthew Mittelstaedt <Matthew.Mittelstaedt@fcc.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2025 4:17 PM
To: Brendan Carr <Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov>; Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>; Greg Watson <Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov>
Cc: Timothy Strachan <Timothy.Strachan@fcc.gov>
Subject: FW: Letter to Chairman Carr on Paramount/Skydance Merger

No action, but just an FYSA— Markey and Lujan letter urging the Paramount/Skydance merger with a full commission vote and not at the bureau-level. It will be public tomorrow.

Matt

From: Vinik, Danny (Markey) <Danny_Vinik@markey.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2025 4:11 PM
To: Matthew Mittelstaedt <Matthew.Mittelstaedt@fcc.gov>
Subject: Letter to Chairman Carr on Paramount/Skydance Merger

Hey Matt – Hope all is well. Please find attached a letter from my boss and Sen. Lujan on the FCC's review of the Paramount/Skydance merger. Can you confirm receipt? Dated for tomorrow, as it will be public then. Happy to discuss.

Thanks
Danny

Danny Vinik
Policy Advisor (he/him)
Senator Edward Markey

United States Senate

May 13, 2025

The Honorable Brendan Carr
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
45 L Street, NE
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Carr,

With the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) currently reviewing the proposed merger between Paramount Global and Skydance Media, we urge you to approve the transaction only with an affirmative vote by the full Commission. Although the Commission has delegated authority for its Media Bureau to decide certain matters without a full Commission vote,¹ this transaction is unique from other mergers that have come before the Commission. In particular, Paramount is reportedly considering settling a frivolous, unrelated lawsuit filed by President Donald Trump against CBS, a Paramount subsidiary. Given the high profile of this deal and, at the very least, the appearance of impropriety, we strongly urge you to approve the merger only with a vote by the full Commission.

The unique position of this case stems from President Trump's ongoing, frivolous litigation against CBS. In late October, then-candidate Trump sued CBS for \$10 billion — later raising this outrageous amount to \$20 billion — for supposedly deceptively editing an interview of then-Vice President Kamala Harris on its programs *60 Minutes* and *Face the Nation*.² As the transcript of the interview showed, the excerpts that CBS aired were a quintessential example of editorial decision-making.³ Trump's claim that such conduct constituted "voter interference" and violated Texas's consumer protection law is both false and a clear attempt to intimidate the news media. CBS has rightfully moved to dismiss the case.⁴

Despite the obviously frivolous nature of the lawsuit, Paramount is reportedly considering settling the case to "increase the odds that the Trump administration does not block

¹ 47 CFR § 0.283.

² See, e.g., *Trump sues CBS over Kamala Harris '60 Minutes' interview*, Reuters (Oct. 31, 2024), <https://www.reuters.com/legal/trump-sues-cbs-over-kamala-harris-interview-2024-10-31>.

³ See, e.g., Joe Lancaster, *Transcript Proves the 60 Minutes Scandal Was Always Fake*, Reason Magazine (Feb. 6, 2025), <https://reason.com/2025/02/06/transcript-proves-the-60-minutes-scandal-was-always-fake/>; Brian Stelter, *The FCC just published CBS' raw Kamala Harris '60 Minutes' interview*, CNN (Feb. 5, 2025), <https://www.cnn.com/2025/02/05/media/cbs-kamala-harris-60-minutes-interview/index.html>.

⁴ See, e.g., Sara Fischer, *CBS moves to dismiss \$20 billion Trump lawsuit*, Axios (March 6, 2025), <https://www.axios.com/2025/03/06/cbs-files-to-dismiss-trump-lawsuit>.

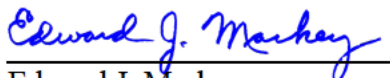
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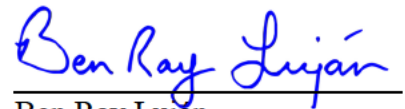
or delay” its merger with Skydance.⁵ In fact, Paramount executives and directors are reportedly concerned that such a settlement could open them up to accusations of bribery.⁶ Paramount would not be the first to settle a lawsuit brought by the President in the past few months. In the weeks following the inauguration, ABC (\$16 million),⁷ Meta (\$25 million),⁸ and X (\$10 million)⁹ all settled cases brought by Trump. With Paramount on the hook to pay Skydance a \$400 million breakup fee if the FCC blocks the deal, the company has strong financial incentives to facilitate FCC approval of the merger.¹⁰

For those reasons, this transaction has signs of a deal between a company eager for approval of a multi-billion dollar merger and a President willing to exploit his position to intimidate the media and secure a multi-million dollar payout. The unique position of this merger necessitates the utmost transparency at the FCC. A matter of this significance deserves the scrutiny of the entire Commission. We urge you to only approve this merger through a full Commission vote.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,


Edward J. Markey
United States Senator


Ben Ray Lujan
United States Senator

⁵ See Lauren Hirsch et al., *Paramount in Settlement Talks With Trump Over ‘60 Minutes’ Lawsuit*, N.Y. Times (Jan. 30, 2025), <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/01/30/business/media/paramount-trump-cbs-news-settlement.html>.

⁶ Jessica Toonkel, *Paramount Executives Ask: Could They Be Sued for Settling Trump’s \$20 Billion CBS Lawsuit?*, Wall St. J. (Feb. 14, 2025), <https://www.wsj.com/business/media/paramount-executives-ask-could-they-be-sued-for-settling-trumps-20-billion-cbs-lawsuit-228604a2>.

⁷ See, e.g., Michael R. Sisak, *ABC agrees to give \$15 million to Donald Trump’s presidential library to settle defamation lawsuit*, Associated Press (Dec. 14, 2024), <https://apnews.com/article/abc-trump-lawsuit-defamation-stephanopoulos-04aea8663310af39ae2a85f4c1a56d68>.

⁸ See, e.g., Annie Linskey & Rebecca Ballhaus, *Meta to Pay \$25 Million to Settle 2021 Trump Lawsuit*, Wall St. J. (Jan. 29, 2025), <https://www.wsj.com/us-news/law/trump-signs-agreement-calling-for-meta-to-pay-25-million-to-settle-suit-6f734c8c>.

⁹ See, e.g., Annie Linskey & Rebecca Ballhaus, *Musk’s X Agrees to Pay About \$10 Million to Settle Trump Lawsuit*, Wall St. J. (Feb. 12, 2025), <https://www.wsj.com/tech/musks-x-agrees-to-pay-about-10-million-to-settle-trump-lawsuit-a38348f8>.

¹⁰ See, e.g., Lucas Manfredi, *Paramount-Skydance Merger Deadline Extended 90 Days as FCC Approval Remains in Limbo*, The Wrap (Apr. 7, 2025), <https://www.thewrap.com/paramount-skydance-merger-closing-deadline-extended>.


From: [Erin Boone](#)
To: [David Brown](#)
Subject: Re: Public interest standard language
Date: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 10:19:19 AM

Thank you!

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From: David Brown <David.Brown@fcc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 9:59:47 AM
To: Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: Public interest standard language


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From: Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 9:43 AM
To: David Brown <David.Brown@fcc.gov>
Subject: Public interest standard language
Importance: High

Hi David,

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Thanks! That


meeting is at
10:30.

Thanks!
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From: [Erin Boone](#)
To: [Barbara Kreisman](#); [Thomas Horan](#)
Subject: Is this a good description of the purpose of the finsyn rules?
Date: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 11:56:00 AM
Importance: High

You are the only person who might know!

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From: [Erin Boone](#)
To: [Thomas Horan](#); [Alexander Sanienis](#)
Subject: Re: Is this a good description of the purpose of the finsyn rules?
Date: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 12:17:27 PM

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From: Thomas Horan <Thomas.Horan@fcc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 12:08:12 PM
To: Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>; Barbara Kreisman <Barbara.Kreisman@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: Is this a good description of the purpose of the finsyn rules?

Before my time – but regardless, a suggested language tweak below. Let me know if you need further research.

From: Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 11:58 AM
To: Barbara Kreisman <Barbara.Kreisman@fcc.gov>; Thomas Horan <Thomas.Horan@fcc.gov>
Subject: Is this a good description of the purpose of the finsyn rules?
Importance: High

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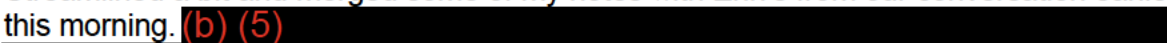
From: [Erin Boone](#)
To: [Greg Watson](#); [Adam Chan](#)
Subject: RE: Quick question
Date: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 1:44:00 PM

Good here. Thanks Greg. And also happy to join you in connecting further.

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From: Greg Watson <Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 1:28 PM
To: Adam Chan <Adam.Chan@fcc.gov>; Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: Quick question

Streamlined a bit and merged some of my notes with Erin's from our conversation earlier this morning. (b) (5)



From: Adam Chan <Adam.Chan@fcc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 12:46 PM
To: Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>; Greg Watson <Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: Quick question

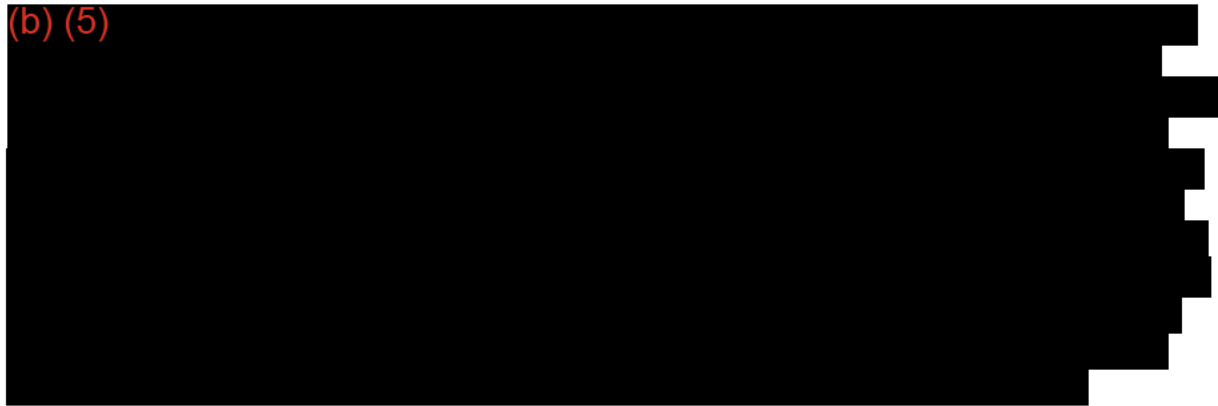
Thanks, Erin!

Greg, let me know what you think and whether I'm good to go.

From: Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 12:44 PM
To: Adam Chan <Adam.Chan@fcc.gov>; Greg Watson <Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: Quick question

Suggested response:

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From: Adam Chan <Adam.Chan@fcc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 8:06 AM
To: Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>; Greg Watson <Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov>
Subject: Quick question

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Thanks,
Adam

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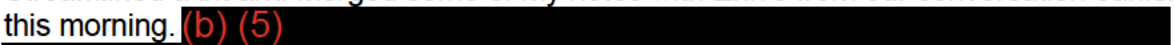
From: [Erin Boone](#)
To: [Benjamin Arden](#); [Alexander Sanjens](#)
Subject: FW: Quick question
Date: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 2:47:00 PM

Where we ended up. FYSA

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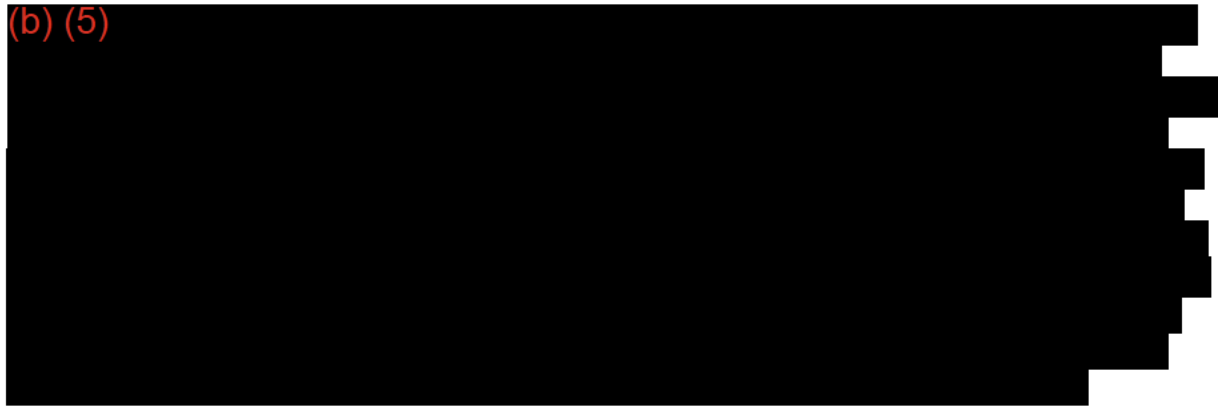
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From: [Erin Boone](#)
To: [Benjamin Arden](#); [David Brown](#)
Subject: RE: Heads Up on Sinclair/Gray Station Swap Grant
Date: Thursday, May 15, 2025 11:15:00 AM

Fine here as well. (b) (5) Thanks David.

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From: Benjamin Arden <Benjamin.Arden@fcc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 15, 2025 10:02 AM
To: David Brown <David.Brown@fcc.gov>; Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>
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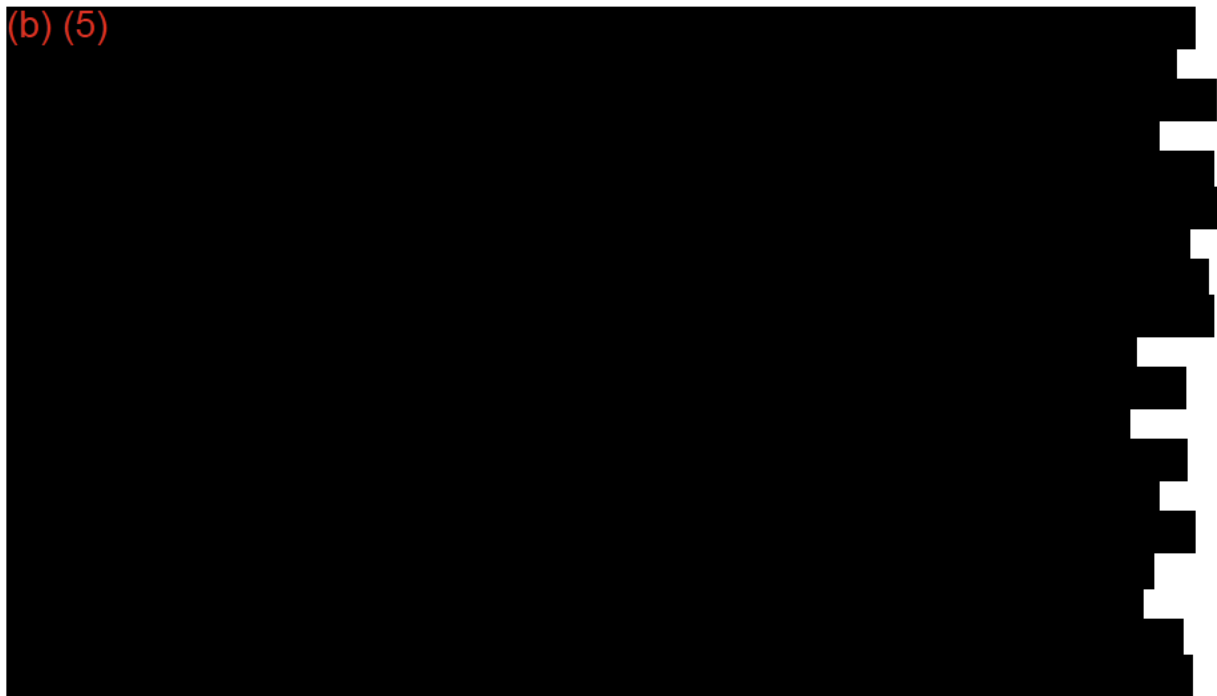
Thanks, David. No objection from me.

Erin is tied up this morning, but I anticipate she'll be able to weigh in by the end of the day.

From: David Brown <David.Brown@fcc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 15, 2025 9:59 AM
To: Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>; Benjamin Arden <Benjamin.Arden@fcc.gov>
Subject: Heads Up on Sinclair/Gray Station Swap Grant

Good Morning,

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Thanks,
David Brown

From: [Erin Boone](#)
To: [Benjamin Arden](#); [Alexander Sanjens](#)
Subject: Financial Services hearing Q and A
Date: Thursday, May 15, 2025 2:49:00 PM

The Chairman is testifying on May 21 in what was supposed to be a budget hearing. However, it is anticipated that it will be more of an oversight hearing given that there is no presidential budget yet. (b) (5)

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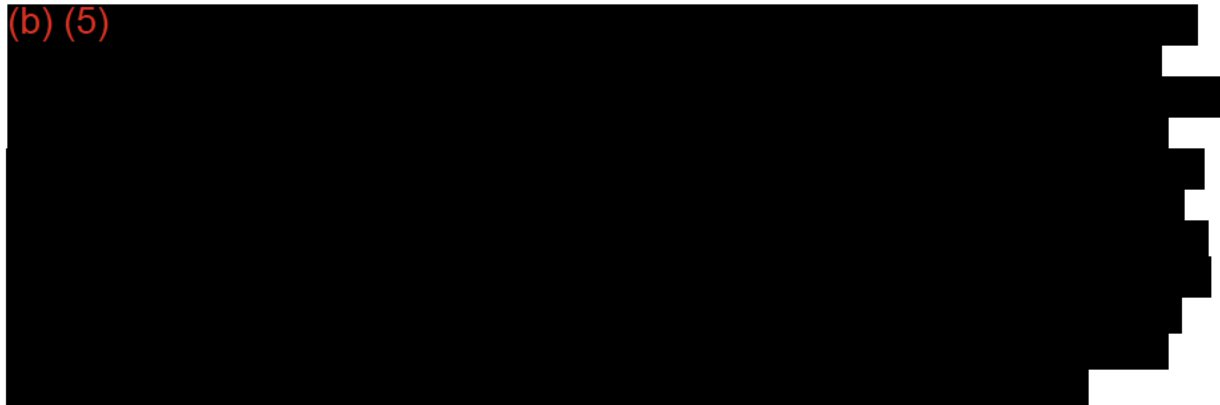
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Subject: RE: Quick question

Suggested response:

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From: [Erin Boone](#)
To: [Matthew Mittelstaedt](#)
Subject: FW: questions
Date: Friday, May 16, 2025 1:17:00 PM

Here are the media questions he might get.

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From: Erin Boone
Sent: Thursday, May 15, 2025 4:54 PM
To: Callie Coker <Callie.Coker@fcc.gov>
Subject: questions

Hey Callie,

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From: [Erin Boone](#)
To: [Danielle Thumann](#); [Arpan Sura](#); [Matthew Mittelstaedt](#); [Greg Watson](#); [Anthony Patrone](#); [Callie Coker](#)
Subject: RE: FSGG prep
Date: Monday, May 19, 2025 9:43:00 AM
Attachments: [FSGG Homebase Document-EB.docx](#)

Tweaks attached. Thanks.

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From: Danielle Thumann <Danielle.Thumann@fcc.gov>
Sent: Sunday, May 18, 2025 10:07 PM
To: Arpan Sura <Arpan.Sura@fcc.gov>; Matthew Mittelstaedt <Matthew.Mittelstaedt@fcc.gov>; Greg Watson <Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov>; Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>; Anthony Patrone <Anthony.Patron@fcc.gov>; Callie Coker <Callie.Coker@fcc.gov>
Subject: Re: FSGG prep

Some additional suggestions and comments from me are attached on top of Arpan's.

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From: Arpan Sura <Arpan.Sura@fcc.gov>
Sent: Sunday, May 18, 2025 4:45 PM
To: Matthew Mittelstaedt <Matthew.Mittelstaedt@fcc.gov>; Greg Watson <Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov>; Danielle Thumann <Danielle.Thumann@fcc.gov>; Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>; Anthony Patrone <Anthony.Patron@fcc.gov>; Callie Coker <Callie.Coker@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: FSGG prep

Here are my suggestions and comments. Thanks.

From: Matthew Mittelstaedt <Matthew.Mittelstaedt@fcc.gov>
Sent: Sunday, May 18, 2025 3:27 PM
To: Greg Watson <Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov>; Arpan Sura <Arpan.Sura@fcc.gov>; Danielle Thumann <Danielle.Thumann@fcc.gov>; Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>; Anthony Patrone <Anthony.Patron@fcc.gov>; Callie Coker <Callie.Coker@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: FSGG prep

I compiled the information BC asked for on Friday and then some and put in this document. Would appreciate any other additional color folks might have.

-----Original Appointment-----

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

Sent: Thursday, May 15, 2025 2:25 PM

To: Brendan Carr; Greg Watson; Arpan Sura; Danielle Thumann; Erin Boone; Matthew Mittelstaedt; Anthony Patrone

Cc: Callie Coker

Subject: FSGG prep

When: Friday, May 16, 2025 12:30 PM-1:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting

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From: [Erin Boone](#)
To: [Matthew Mittelstaedt](#); [Greg Watson](#)
Subject: RE: Connecting: FCC Contact
Date: Tuesday, May 20, 2025 4:10:00 PM

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Sent: Tuesday, May 20, 2025 12:44 PM
To: Greg Watson <Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov>; Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>
Subject: Fw: Connecting: FCC Contact

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From: Alvero, Matt <Matt.Alvero@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 20, 2025 12:42:14 PM
To: Matthew Mittelstaedt <Matthew.Mittelstaedt@fcc.gov>
Cc: Jill Pender <Jill.Pender@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: Connecting: FCC Contact

Hi Matthew,

Working on questions for the Chair, what would Mr. Carr be able to say about the ongoing investigation into 60 Minutes over their distortion in the Kamala Harris interview.

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Congressman Mark Alford | MO-04
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From: Matthew Mittelstaedt <Matthew.Mittelstaedt@fcc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 15, 2025 2:14 PM
To: Alvero, Matt <Matt.Alvero@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Jill Pender <Jill.Pender@fcc.gov>

Subject: RE: Connecting: FCC Contact

Hey Matt,

Great to connect today. Look forward to staying in touch. As promised, here is the link to the First 100 Days Press Release. I've also attached a PDF version if that's preferable.

Thanks again for meeting with us!
Matt

Matthew Mittelstaedt

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From: Alvero, Matt <Matt.Alvero@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 13, 2025 8:38 AM
To: Matthew Mittelstaedt <Matthew.Mittelstaedt@fcc.gov>
Cc: Jill Pender <Jill.Pender@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: Connecting: FCC Contact

Hi Matt,

Thursday at 1:30 would be great, looking forward to chatting!

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From: Matthew Mittelstaedt <Matthew.Mittelstaedt@fcc.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2025 4:33 PM
To: Alvero, Matt <Matt.Alvero@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Jill Pender <Jill.Pender@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: Connecting: FCC Contact

Hey Matt,

Are you still free at 1:30 on Thursday? Would love to come down and talk all things FCC.

Sorry for the slightly delayed response. Went to a wedding on Friday! Hope you had a good weekend.

All best,

Matt

From: Alvero, Matt <Matt.Alvero@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 9, 2025 9:02 AM
To: Matthew Mittelstaedt <Matthew.Mittelstaedt@fcc.gov>
Cc: Jill Pender <Jill.Pender@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: Connecting: FCC Contact

Hi Matt,

Thanks for reaching out! I would love a chance to connect, my boss is very interested in the FCC with his previous work in broadcasting. Are you available next Thursday after 1pm or anytime Friday?

Best,

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From: Matthew Mittelstaedt <Matthew.Mittelstaedt@fcc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 8, 2025 5:04 PM
To: Alvero, Matt <Matt.Alvero@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Jill Pender <Jill.Pender@fcc.gov>
Subject: Connecting: FCC Contact

Hi Matt,

By way of introduction, my name is Matt Mittelstaedt, and I'm the new Director of Legislative Affairs here at the FCC. I know you might have worked with my colleague, Jill Pender, and she's still with us, but I just wanted to take a moment to introduce myself as well. Please view us as a resource for any and everything FCC/telecom related.

I know it's a crazy time for the foreseeable future, but if you have any interest in connecting in person, always happy to come to the Hill!

Thanks,
Matt

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From: [Erin Boone](#)
To: [Benjamin Arden](#); [Alexander Sanjenis](#)
Subject: Re: Thoughts on responses?
Date: Tuesday, May 20, 2025 7:31:42 PM

Thanks to you both!

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From: Benjamin Arden <Benjamin.Arden@fcc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 20, 2025 7:04:21 PM
To: Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>; Alexander Sanjenis <Alexander.Sanjenis@fcc.gov>
Subject: Re: Thoughts on responses?

Thoughts below in blue.

From: Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 20, 2025 5:03 PM
To: Benjamin Arden <Benjamin.Arden@fcc.gov>; Alexander Sanjenis <Alexander.Sanjenis@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: Thoughts on responses?

Yes, no rush! Sorry he doesn't need them till late tomorrow. (b) (5)

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From: Benjamin Arden <Benjamin.Arden@fcc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 20, 2025 5:02 PM
To: Alexander Sanjenis <Alexander.Sanjenis@fcc.gov>; Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>
Subject: Re: Thoughts on responses?

Can I jump in later tonight?

From: Alexander Sanjenis <Alexander.Sanjenis@fcc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 20, 2025 4:52 PM
To: Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>; Benjamin Arden <Benjamin.Arden@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: Thoughts on responses?

I think your answers are good! My less impressive thoughts in green.

From: Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, May 20, 2025 4:37 PM

To: Benjamin Arden <Benjamin.Arden@fcc.gov>; Alexander Sanjenis <Alexander.Sanjenis@fcc.gov>

Subject: Thoughts on responses?

These are the OMR questions for the presser after the meeting. Here's what I came up with. Any additions? My stuff in red.

Broadcast Topics

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From: [Erin Boone](#)
To: [Brendan Carr](#)
Cc: [Katie Gorscak](#); [Adam Jackman](#)
Subject: Broadcast Topics for May Meeting Presser - draft answers
Date: Wednesday, May 21, 2025 5:21:00 PM

Chairman – below are draft answers for the media-related questions for the press conference tomorrow.

Thanks,

Erin

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Broadcast Topics for May Meeting Presser

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From: [Erin Boone](#)
To: [Evan Morris](#); [Alexander Sanjenis](#); [Benjamin Arden](#)
Subject: FW: (b) (5) complaint
Date: Thursday, May 22, 2025 7:56:00 AM
Attachments: (b) (5) [Draft Complaint v.2.docx](#)

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From: Bradley Craigmyle <Bradley.Craigmyle@fcc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 21, 2025 5:31 PM
To: Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>
Cc: Adam Candeub <Adam.Candeub@fcc.gov>; Jacob Lewis <Jacob.Lewis@fcc.gov>; Megan Davis <Megan.Davis@fcc.gov>
Subject: FW: (b) (5) complaint

Erin,

I just wanted to confirm that (b) (5) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Thanks!

Bradley

Bradley Craigmyle
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From: Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 21, 2025 4:07 PM
To: Adam Candeub <Adam.Candeub@fcc.gov>
Cc: Evan Morris <Evan.Morris@fcc.gov>; Maria Mullarkey <Maria.Mullarkey@fcc.gov>; Alexander Sanjenis <Alexander.Sanjenis@fcc.gov>; Benjamin Arden <Benjamin.Arden@fcc.gov>
Subject: FW: (b) (5) complaint

Hi Adam,

As discussed, (b) (5) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I will provide more guidance asap.

Thanks,

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From: Evan Morris <Evan.Morris@fcc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 21, 2025 9:56 AM
To: Alexander Sanjenis <Alexander.Sanjenis@fcc.gov>; Benjamin Arden <Benjamin.Arden@fcc.gov>; Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>
Subject: FW: (b) (5) complaint

From: Megan Davis <Megan.Davis@fcc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 20, 2025 6:57 PM
To: Maria Mullarkey <Maria.Mullarkey@fcc.gov>; Evan Morris <Evan.Morris@fcc.gov>
Cc: Lyle Elder <Lyle.Elder@fcc.gov>
Subject: FW: Deerfield complaint

Maria and Evan,

(b) (5)

Thanks.

Best,
Megan

From: Laksin, Jacob (USADE) (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, May 20, 2025 1:23 PM
To: Megan Davis <Megan.Davis@fcc.gov>
Subject: (b) (5) complaint

Hi Megan,

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Thank you,

Jacob Laksin

Assistant United States Attorney

United States Attorney's Office for the District of Delaware

From: [Erin Boone](#)
To: [Joel Graham](#)
Subject: RE: [OCH Search Request 6/6/25] FOIA 2025-664 (Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression)
Date: Tuesday, May 27, 2025 9:41:00 AM

Hi Joel,

(b) (5) [Redacted]
[Redacted] Thanks!

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From: Joel Graham <Joel.Graham@fcc.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 23, 2025 1:10 PM
To: Scott Delacourt <Scott.Delacourt@fcc.gov>; Greg Watson <Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov>; Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>; Adam Jackman <Adam.Jackman@fcc.gov>; Dana Howell <Dana.Howell@fcc.gov>
Cc: Kristi Thompson <Kristi.Thompson@fcc.gov>; Christopher Santini <Christopher.Santini@fcc.gov>; Joel Graham <Joel.Graham@fcc.gov>
Subject: [OCH Search Request 6/6/25] FOIA 2025-664 (Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression)

All,

The Commission has received the attached FOIA request from the Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression, which seeks 4 categories of records for the date range November 1, 2024 through present. As reflected in the attached, the request seeks any responsive records for various OCH custodians. (b) (5)

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Thank you.

Joel Graham
Attorney
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From: [Erin Boone](#)
To: [Michael Janson](#)
Cc: [Christopher Santini](#)
Subject: RE: Economic significance determination for July agenda item
Date: Wednesday, May 28, 2025 4:14:00 PM
Attachments: [LPTVAdvancementRO - 052825 Clean Working Draft.docx](#)

Hi Michael,
This is still a work in progress, but attached is the latest working draft of the item.
Thanks.

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From: Michael Janson <Michael.Janson@fcc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 28, 2025 10:08 AM
To: Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>
Cc: Christopher Santini <Christopher.Santini@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: Economic significance determination for July agenda item

Hi Erin – (b) (5)

Thanks.

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From: Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 28, 2025 7:37 AM
To: Chin Yoo <Chin.Yoo@fcc.gov>
Cc: Adam Candeub <Adam.Candeub@fcc.gov>; Christopher Santini <Christopher.Santini@fcc.gov>
Subject: Economic significance determination for July agenda item

Hi Chin,

(b) (5)

Thanks!

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From: [Erin Boone](#)
To: [David Brown](#)
Subject: RE: today's date
Date: Tuesday, June 3, 2025 12:03:00 PM

Thanks!

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From: David Brown <David.Brown@fcc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, June 3, 2025 12:00 PM
To: Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: today's date

Here you go.

<https://www.globenewswire.com/news-release/2025/06/02/3092208/0/en/CBS-and-Gray-Media-Renew-Affiliation-Agreements-for-52-Markets.html>

From: Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, June 3, 2025 11:55 AM
To: David Brown <David.Brown@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: today's date

And I meant today's meeting! Lol.

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From: Erin Boone
Sent: Tuesday, June 3, 2025 11:54 AM
To: David Brown <David.Brown@fcc.gov>
Subject: today's date

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From: [Erin Boone](#)
To: [Sima Nilsson](#)
Cc: [Emily Harrison](#); [Evan Morris](#); [Alexander Sanjenis](#); [Nancy Murphy](#); [Benjamin Arden](#); [David Brown](#); [Chris Robbins](#); [Kenneth Lewis](#); [Diana Sokolow](#); [Sonia Greenaway](#); [Albert Shuldiner](#); [Thomas Horan](#)
Subject: RE: Approval requests 6/3/2025
Date: Wednesday, June 4, 2025 7:40:00 AM

Hi Sima,
Approved. Thanks!

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From: Sima Nilsson <Sima.Nilsson@fcc.gov>
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Subject: Approval requests 6/3/2025

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2. **Michael Stevens Newton letter.** (b) (5)
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3. **Kremling Enterprises Inc - Reinstatement Order -** (b) (5)
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From: [Erin Boone](#)
To: [India Malcolm](#); [Thomas Horan](#)
Subject: FW: Andrew Manley and Emily Harrison Office Space
Date: Thursday, June 5, 2025 12:16:00 PM


FYI Yay!

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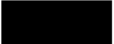
From: Thomas Buckley <Thomas.Buckley@fcc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, June 5, 2025 10:23 AM
To: Scott Delacourt <Scott.Delacourt@fcc.gov>; Mark Stephens <Mark.Stephens@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: Andrew Manley and Emily Harrison Office Space

Thanks, Scott. (b) (5), (b) (2)



From: Scott Delacourt <Scott.Delacourt@fcc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, June 5, 2025 9:14 AM
To: Mark Stephens <Mark.Stephens@fcc.gov>; Thomas Buckley <Thomas.Buckley@fcc.gov>
Subject: FW: Andrew Manley and Emily Harrison Office Space

Good morning Mark and Tom. Can (b) (5), (b) (2)



If I am missing larger considerations, please let me know.

From: David Brown <David.Brown@fcc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, June 4, 2025 10:16:37 AM
To: Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>
Cc: Thomas Horan <Thomas.Horan@fcc.gov>; India Malcolm <India.Malcolm@fcc.gov>; Barbara Kreisman <Barbara.Kreisman@fcc.gov>

Subject: Andrew Manley and Emily Harrison Office Space

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From: Barbara Kreisman <Barbara.Kreisman@fcc.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, June 4, 2025 10:03 AM

To: David Brown <David.Brown@fcc.gov>; Emily Harrison <Emily.Harrison@fcc.gov>; Andrew Manley <Andrew.Manley@fcc.gov>

Subject: Draft

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Barbara Kreisman
Chief, Video Division
Media Bureau

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To: [Brendan Carr](#); [Greg Watson](#)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL]: Letter on ABC and CBS
Date: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 12:28:00 PM
Attachments: [Pelley Moran letter vF.pdf](#)
[Notice of Ex Parte Communication vBoone 6-10-25.pdf](#)

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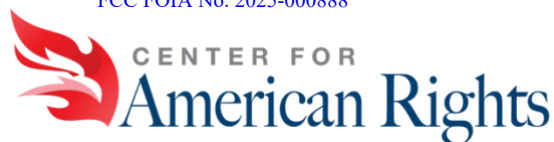
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Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 12:10 PM
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Dear Erin & Gavin,

Given our previous conversations on these topics, please find attached a letter from the Center for American Rights regarding recent revelations about journalists from ABC News and CBS News. Because the letter mentions CBS, I will also file an ex parte notice in MB 24-275.

Thanks,
DANIEL



Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Chairman Brendan Carr
Federal Communications Commission
C/O Erin Boone (erin.boone@fcc.gov)

Dear Chairman Carr,

Judge Silberman's observation that "[n]early all television—network and cable—is a Democratic Party trumpet"¹ was confirmed again in recent weeks by the left-wing rants of ABC's Terry Moran and CBS's Scott Pelley.

ABC's Terry Moran

Terry Moran is a senior national correspondent for ABC News. He's also deeply biased against the number one subject of ABC News' coverage: President Donald J. Trump. Here is what he posted to X, formerly known as Twitter, at the close of last week:

The thing about Stephen Miller is not that he is the brains behind Trumpism. Yes, he is one of the people who conceptualizes the impulses of the Trumpist movement and translates them into policy. But that's not what's interesting about Miller. It's not brains. It's bile.

Miller is a man who is richly endowed with the capacity for hatred. He's a world-class hater. You can see this just by looking at him because you can see that his hatreds are his spiritual nourishment. He eats his hate.

Trump is a world-class hater. But his hatred (is) only a means to an end, and that end is his own glorification. That's his spiritual nourishment.²

Moran finally said the quiet part out loud. The same man that thinks President Trump is a "world-class hater" interviewed President Trump for ABC News as a supposedly objective broadcast journalist just a few weeks ago. That disconnect—between the supposedly objective news broadcast and the journalist's overt, even ostentatious display of his deeply negative opinion about the subject of that broadcast—is yet again why, in your memorable words, "[m]ore Americans trust gas station sushi than the legacy national media."³

ABC has suspended Moran, which is at least some recognition that "ABC News stands for objectivity and impartiality in its news coverage and does not condone subjective personal attacks on others."⁴ Of course, if ABC was serious about standing for objectivity and

¹ *Tah v. Global Witness Publ., Inc.*, 991 F.3d 231, 254-56 (Silberman, J., dissenting),

² The post has since been deleted, but its full text can be found at <https://www.poynter.org/commentary/2025/abc-news-suspends-terry-moran-trump-post/>.

³ <https://x.com/BrendanCarrFCC/status/1894946147044647327>

⁴ <https://www.poynter.org/commentary/2025/abc-news-suspends-terry-moran-trump-post/>

impartiality in its coverage, it would not have given 100 percent positive coverage to Kamala Harris and 7 percent positive coverage to Donald Trump during the 2024 election season.⁵ Moran's outrageous comments can hardly come as a surprise to ABC management—he's got a "best hits" roll of one-after-another commentary on air attacking President Trump.⁶

CBS's Scott Pelley

Moran's rant comes on the heels of a similar speech by CBS correspondent Scott Pelley, who dressed up his sentiments in a university commencement address (delivered at Wake Forest on May 19, 2025⁷) but was no less pugilistic in asserting his dislike for Donald Trump.

Pelley began the substance of his remarks with this warning to graduates and their families: "[I]n this moment – this moment, this morning – our sacred rule of law is under attack. Journalism is under attack. Universities are under attack. Freedom of speech is under attack. An insidious fear is reaching through our schools, our businesses, our homes and into our private thoughts." No one wonders whom Pelley is referencing as the unnamed source of these attacks—President Trump—but he takes it further later, blasting those who would "[s]ue the journalists" and "move to destroy law firms that stand up for the rights of others." Further, he warns, "Today, great universities are threatened with ruin."

Using "power" as a stand-in term for Trump, Pelley says that "power can rewrite history. With grotesque, false narratives. . ." He then criticizes the Trump Administration for targeting DEI—something you, Mr. Chairman, have been a leader on⁸: "And they can change the definition of the words we use to describe reality. 'Diversity' is now described as 'illegal.' 'Equity' is to be shunned. 'Inclusion' is a dirty word. This is an old playbook, my friends. There is nothing new in this. George Orwell – who we met on the street in London – in 1949, he warned of what he called 'new speak.' He understood that ignorance works for power."

Again, these remarks come on the heels of another unbalanced *Sixty Minutes* segment by Pelley on President Trump (see CAR's letter of May 15, 2025) focused on the law firm story. So, in one breath Pelley is an unbiased journalist reporting on the President's executive orders on law firms, and two weeks later he's decrying the President's "attack" on "our sacred rule of law" via his "move to destroy law firms that stand up for the rights of others." Similarly, in March of this year, Pelley reported a segment on President Trump's executive order against illegal DEI⁹—two months later Pelley is directly defending DEI and criticizing policies to undo it in his speech.

⁵ <https://www.newsbusters.org/blogs/nb/rich-noyes/2024/09/09/100-abc-debate-moderator-david-muir-hosts-most-pro-harris-left-wing>

⁶ <https://x.com/newsbusters/status/1931835978089722165?s=46>

⁷ <https://commencement.news.wfu.edu/2020s/c2025/2025-scott-pelley/>

⁸ See CAR's ex parte letter in MB 24-275 on February 19, 2025.

⁹ *What musicians did after an executive order on DEI led to the cancellation of U.S. Marine Band collaboration*, *Sixty Minutes* (March 16, 2025), <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/concert-cancellation-trump-administration-dei-order-60-minutes-transcript/>

A Pattern and a Problem

Mr. Chairman, as you know from my previous correspondence, this is all part of a pattern that we have seen consistently for years but at a fever pitch in recent days. The Center has consistently asserted the viewing public's right to see broadcasters uphold their obligations to the public:

- ABC intentionally structured the one-and-only debate between President Trump and Vice President Harris to target President Trump with one-sided “fact checking” (see CAR’s complaint of September 24, 2024, ticket number 7326961).
- CBS deceptively edited the *Sixty Minutes* interview to cover for Vice President Kamala Harris (see CAR’s complaint of October 16, 2024, ticket number 7385439).
- NBC put the full cultural weight of *Saturday Night Live* behind Vice President Harris in a desperate attempt to push her across the finish line the weekend before the election, after SNL producer Lorne Michels publicly promised no candidates would be featured on the show (see CAR’s complaint of November 4, 2024, ticket number 7436353).
- CBS News has a track record of news bias, as pointed out in our Petition to Condition the Skydance acquisition (see CAR’s petition of December 17, 2024, in MB 24-275).
- ABC, CBS, and NBC referred to MS-13 gang member Kilmar Abrego Garcia using terms like a “Maryland husband and father,” saying he was a “legal resident” of the United States (see CAR’s complaint of April 21, 2025, ticket number 7794183).
- ABC, CBS, and NBC displayed an obvious bias against President Trump in their coverage of the first 100 days of his new term (see CAR’s supplemental brief of May 1, 2025, in MB 24-275).
- CBS News showed further bias against President Trump in an unbalanced story on *Sixty Minutes* even after “corporate” supposedly set clear standards for journalistic integrity (see CAR’s supplemental letter of May 15, 2025, in MB 24-275).

This is a pattern, Mr. Chairman, in the past year: consistent, persistent, overt misuse of the public airwaves to advance a political viewpoint on the part of all three networks, not through editorials but through workaday news reporting.

This Commission has acted when a station ran “slanted news broadcasts” that “provide[d] favorable coverage” for one candidate, with orders from on high to ensure “frequent, favorable mention in the station’s news broadcasts.” That “one-sided coverage” of the candidate at the station owner’s direction was unacceptable. *In Re Applications of Star Stations*, 51 F.C.C.2d 95 (1975). The owner had hijacked the airwaves as “newscasts were used as a vehicle to publicize Burden’s preferred candidate -- not as an exercise of news judgment, but as a deception of the public and to further his private interests.” “Such attempts to use broadcast facilities to subvert the political process cannot be ignored or condoned.”

The airwaves may not be used to publicize Terry Moran’s private views or Scott Pelley’s private views any more than those of Mr. Burden, the owner of Star Stations. They may not

be used for one-sided coverage that confers frequent, favorable mention on one candidate or ideology or party and heaps unbalanced, unfair, critical coverage on another candidate or ideology or party. The airwaves belong to the American people, and they deserve better than what they have been getting from the network news.

Conclusion

You and I are lawyers, Mr. Chairman. As lawyers, we are expected to be zealous advocates for our clients. That means taking sides and often speaking strong opinions. But when lawyers become judges, we ask them to serve as neutral, non-partisan, objective stewards of the law. We recognize that they still have their personal views, but we expect them to subordinate those views to the law. To ensure that judges maintain their standard of objectivity, we have a judicial code of ethics that significantly limits how judges can exercise their First Amendment rights—they cannot display yard signs for partisan candidates, contribute money to partisan candidates, or endorse partisan candidates or parties, even when they are off the bench and not wearing their robes.

The same is true of journalists. They no doubt have personal views, but when they enter into their role as reporters, we expect them to subordinate those views to the facts. And when they assume the mantle of journalists, in order to maintain their image of objectivity, they ought to remain scrupulously focused on the facts and not give grand pronouncements of their personal opinions, whether they are on air, on X, or on a commencement stage.

This Commission must act to restore public trust in those who use the public airwaves.

Respectfully yours,



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CC: File for MB 24-275

CC: Gavin Wax (gavin.wax@fcc.gov)

**Before the
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*In the Matter of Skydance Media
and Paramount Global*

MB Docket No. 24-275

Per 47 CFR §1.1206(b), I respectfully submit this notice of an *ex parte* communication. On Tuesday, June 10, 2025, I sent the exhibit letter as an email attachment to Ms. Erin Boone, legal advisor to the chairman, and Mr. Gavin Wax, chief of staff to Commissioner Simington, which mentions this proceeding and issues connected to CBS News.

Respectfully submitted,

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From: [Erin Boone](#)
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Subject: RE: Guidance re National Cap refresh PN and Quad
Date: Wednesday, June 11, 2025 10:42:00 AM

Thanks Ty, super helpful.

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Hi Erin,

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Ty

From: Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2025 8:25 AM
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Subject: RE: Guidance re National Cap refresh PN and Quad

Hi Ty,

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Thanks!

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From: Ty Bream <Ty.Bream@fcc.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 9, 2025 10:20 AM
To: Benjamin Arden <Benjamin.Arden@fcc.gov>; Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>
Cc: Hillary DeNigro <Hillary.DeNigro@fcc.gov>; Lori Maarbjerg <Lori.Maarbje@fcc.gov>; Alexander Sanjenis <Alexander.Sanjenis@fcc.gov>; Evan Morris <Evan.Morris@fcc.gov>
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Ben,

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Thanks, Ty.

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Hi Erin,

Got it. We'll work that in.

Ty

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Sent: Friday, June 6, 2025 10:42 AM
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Hi Ty,

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Happy to discuss if its helpful. Have a great weekend!

Thanks,

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Okay, thanks, Erin. (b) (5)

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Subject: FW: National TV Cap draft PN
Date: Wednesday, June 11, 2025 1:23:00 PM
Attachments: [National TV Cap Refresh PN draft 6.11.25 ECB.docx](#)

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Subject: National TV Cap draft PN

Good morning, Erin and Ben,

Attached is a draft Public Notice to update the record in the National Television Multiple Ownership Rule proceeding. (b) (5)

Thank you,

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From: [Erin Boone](#)
To: [Greg Watson](#)
Subject: FW: National Cap PN draft
Date: Wednesday, June 11, 2025 7:21:00 PM
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FYI – the genesis of the meeting I put on his calendar right after the staffer tomorrow. ■

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Thanks – some minor edits from me in the attached. (b) (5)

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Cc: Benjamin Arden <Benjamin.Arden@fcc.gov>
Subject: National Cap PN draft

Chairman –

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

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

Thanks,

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Cc: [Shaun Maher](#); [Mark Colombo](#); [David Brown](#); [Kevin Harding](#); [Alexander Sanjenis](#); [Benjamin Arden](#)
Subject: RE: For Review: LPTV Advancement R&O
Date: Friday, June 13, 2025 8:50:00 AM
Attachments: [LPTVAdvancementRO-060925 ECB edits.docx](#)

Hi Evan,
Attached are my edits to the draft. Thanks very much for a great and thorough item— appreciate all the great work! Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about my edits.

Thanks,

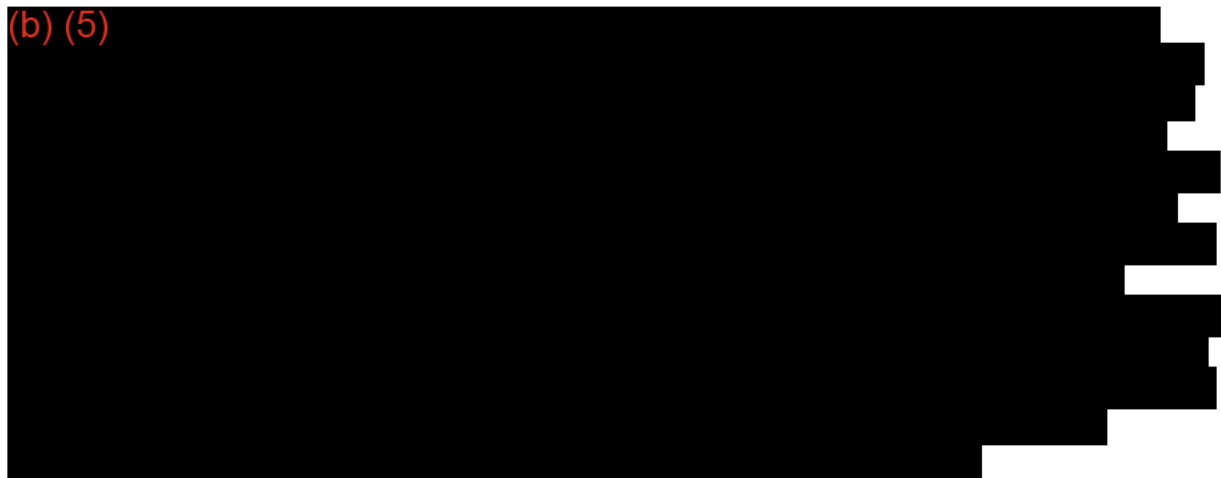
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Hi Erin,

Attached for your review is the draft LPTV Advancement R&O. Thank you to all from Video on this chain (Shaun, Mark, Kevin, and David) for all their work!

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All the best
Evan

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Subject: RE: Guidance re National Cap refresh PN and Quad
Date: Monday, June 16, 2025 11:34:00 AM

Hi Ty,

Update on timing – (b) (5)

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Subject: Natl. cap refresh PN
Date: Monday, June 16, 2025 11:44:00 AM
Attachments: [National TV Cap Refresh PN draft 6.13.25.docx](#)

Here you go.

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Subject: RE: National Cap refresh PN Fed Reg summary
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 3:35:00 PM

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Good afternoon, Erin,

Attached is the draft Federal Register summary for the National Cap refresh PN. (b) (5)

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Thank you,

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Hi Sima,

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Thanks!

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Hi Sima and Chad,

This was the latest version I sent to Ty last Friday, which includes the Chairman's edits. Chad – do you have a more updated version of the PN to send her? I just want to make sure she has the latest since Ty and Evan are out of pocket. Thanks!

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From: Chad Guo <Chad.Guo@fcc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 1:22 PM
To: Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>; Sima Nilsson <Sima.Nilsson@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: Guidance re National Cap refresh PN and Quad


Will do. (b) (5)



- Chad

From: Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 1:18 PM
To: Sima Nilsson <Sima.Nilsson@fcc.gov>; Chad Guo <Chad.Guo@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: Guidance re National Cap refresh PN and Quad
Importance: High

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From: Erin Boone
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Importance: High

Hi Sima and Chad,

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From: Sima Nilsson <Sima.Nilsson@fcc.gov>
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Thanks!

From: Chad Guo <Chad.Guo@fcc.gov>
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To: Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>; Sima Nilsson <Sima.Nilsson@fcc.gov>
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Good afternoon, Erin,

Attached is the finalized version of the PN. (b) (5)

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From: Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>
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To: Sima Nilsson <Sima.Nilsson@fcc.gov>; Chad Guo <Chad.Guo@fcc.gov>
Subject: FW: Guidance re National Cap refresh PN and Quad

Hi Sima and Chad,

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Thanks!

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Cc: Hillary DeNigro <Hillary.DeNigro@fcc.gov>; Lori Maarbjerg <Lori.Maarbjeg@fcc.gov>; Alexander Sanjenis <Alexander.Sanjenis@fcc.gov>; Evan Morris <Evan.Morris@fcc.gov>
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Ty,
Attached is the latest version of the Natl Cap PN, which includes the Chairman's edits (in addition to mine). (b) (5)

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Thanks!

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To: Benjamin Arden <Benjamin.Ardens@fcc.gov>; Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>
Cc: Hillary DeNigro <Hillary.DeNigro@fcc.gov>; Lori Maarbjerg <Lori.Maarbjeg@fcc.gov>; Alexander Sanjenis <Alexander.Sanjenis@fcc.gov>; Evan Morris <Evan.Morris@fcc.gov>
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Ben,

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Ty

From: Benjamin Arden <Benjamin.Arden@fcc.gov>
Sent: Sunday, June 8, 2025 4:03 PM
To: Ty Bream <Ty.Bream@fcc.gov>; Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>
Cc: Hillary DeNigro <Hillary.DeNigro@fcc.gov>; Lori Maarbjerg <Lori.Maarbjeg@fcc.gov>; Alexander Sanjenis <Alexander.Sanjenis@fcc.gov>; Evan Morris <Evan.Morris@fcc.gov>
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Thanks, Ty.

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Cc: Hillary DeNigro <Hillary.DeNigro@fcc.gov>; Lori Maarbjerg <Lori.Maarbjeg@fcc.gov>; Alexander Sanjenis <Alexander.Sanjenis@fcc.gov>; Evan Morris <Evan.Morris@fcc.gov>; Benjamin Arden <Benjamin.Arden@fcc.gov>
Subject: RE: Guidance re National Cap refresh PN and Quad

Hi Erin,

Got it. We'll work that in.

Ty

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Hi Ty,

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. Happy to discuss if its helpful. Have a great weekend!

Thanks,

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Okay, thanks, Erin. (b) (5) [Redacted]

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Ty

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Hi Ty,
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Thanks,

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From: [Erin Boone](#)
To: [Brendan Carr](#)
Cc: [Greg Watson](#); [Benjamin Arden](#); [Alexander Sanjenis](#)
Subject: FW: Media Policy Plan - weekly sync
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 5:04:00 PM
Attachments: [MB Master Policy Plan.docx](#)

Adding Greg.

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From: Erin Boone
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Cc: Benjamin Arden <Benjamin.Arden@fcc.gov>; Alexander Sanjenis <Alexander.Sanjenis@fcc.gov>
Subject: Media Policy Plan - weekly sync

Chairman –
Attached is a memo/briefer for tomorrow's 2:30 meeting.

Thanks,

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From: [Erin Boone](#)
To: [Benjamin Arden](#)
Subject: tweaks to briefer
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 12:58:00 PM
Attachments: [MB Master Policy Plan.docx](#)

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I have copies ready to go but let me know if you have any changes!

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