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Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W. Room 8-B201
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Dear Chairman Powell:

The Federal Communications Commission currently has before it an application seeking consent to a merger between Univision Communications, Inc. ("Univision") and the Hispanic Broadcasting Corporation ("HBC"). This transaction has already received the approval of the Justice Department, yet for nearly a year, the application has awaited consideration by the Commission.

It has come to my attention that several members of Congress have raised politically motivated objections that are irrelevant to the merits of the proposal. The FCC was established as an independent agency to prevent this kind of politicization. I regret that these tactics have been employed to distract the Commission from promptly reviewing proposals and approving them based on compliance with the FCC's rules and their benefits to consumers.

I trust that as the Commission's review of the proposed Univision/HBC merger moves forward, the focus will appropriately remain on the public interest. Your prompt consideration of this pending merger would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



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