

- Το συμπορτ τη ονλψ ρεμαινινγ φεδεραλ ινιτιατιβε αιμεδ ατ προμοτινγ μινοριτυ ανδ ωομεν μεδια ανδ τελεχομ οωνερσηπ ∠ τηε Τελεχομμυνιχατιονσ Δεαελοπμεντ Φυνδ. Νοωηερε ιν τηε Χομμισσιον σ 2009 λεγισλατιβε ρεχομμενδατιονσ ωασ συμπορτ φορ τηισ πιταλ ινιτιατιβε μεντιονεδ. Ιν φαχτ, ον θανυαρψ 28, τηε Αδμινιστρατιον ∠ ωιτηουτ χονσυλτινγ ωιτη διωερσιτυ αδωοχατεσ ∠ προποσεδ α βυδγετ τηατ ωουλδ ελιμινατε τηε Φυνδ εντιρελψ. Τηε βυδγετ ναρρατιβε συγγεστεδ τηατ α προποσεδ λοαν προγραμ ανδ, εωεν μορε ιμπλαυσιβλψ, τηε ΥΣΦ αρε αδεθυατε συβστιτυτεσ φορ τηισ εθυιτυ φυνδ φορ νεω εντραντσ.

To advance the civil rights objectives of the agency and the administration, we would be glad to assist the Commission with a comprehensive review of what can be done in 2010 to promote minority ownership and equal employment in the telecommunications sector. We specifically ask that you place on the agenda of the Commission's April 2010 public Commission meeting a Report and Order adopting several of the dozens of long-pending, fully briefed and virtually unopposed proposals to advance media and telecom ownership diversity.

Sincerely,

Asian American Justice Center

Black College Communication Association

The Hispanic Institute

Hispanic Technology and Telecommunications Partnership

International Black Broadcasters Association

Latinos in Information Sciences and Technology Association

Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law

League of United Latin American Citizens

Minority Media and Telecommunications Council

National Association of Black Owned Broadcasters

National Association of Black Telecommunications Professionals

National Association of Latino Independent Producers

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

National Black Coalition for Media Justice

National Coalition on Black Civic Participation-Black Women's Roundtable National Congress of Black Women, Inc.

National Council of La Raza

National Puerto Rican Coalition

National Urban League

Rainbow PUSH Coalition

Spanish Broadcasters Association

United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

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Congressman G.K. Butterfield

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Legislative Women

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ccs to FCC Dockets:

GN 09-51 (National Broadband Plan)

MB 09-817 (Portable People Meter)

MB 07-294 (Broadcast Diversity)

EB 06-119 (Hurricane Katrina Independent Panel) WT 05-211 (Designated Entities)

EB 04-296 (Emergency Alert System)

MM 98-204 (Broadcast EEO)

RM-11565 (MMTC Radio Rescue Petition)

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