



November 16, 2021

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
Chairwoman
U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce,
Science, and Transportation
425 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Roger Wicker
Ranking Member
U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce,
Science, and Transportation
425 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairwoman Cantwell and Ranking Member Wicker:

On behalf of the National Hispanic Media Coalition (NHMC), I write to support the nomination of Jessica Rosenworcel to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and urge for her quick confirmation. The NHMC is a 35-year-old nonprofit 501(c)(3) civil rights organization that was founded to eliminate hate, discrimination, and racism towards the Latinx community. We are proud to support the nomination of Jessica Rosenworcel because of her tireless efforts to close the digital divide impacting Latinx, BIPOC, and other vulnerable communities.

As the current acting Chairwoman of the FCC, Rosenworcel led efforts to address broadband affordability and accessibility impediments. In the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, she successfully led the deployment and outreach efforts for the Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB) program, which provided internet access to numerous Latinx households across the United States. With over [a third of Latinx households lacking access to the internet](#), the EBB program proved essential as internet access became increasingly vital to our work, education, healthcare, and other daily activities. On August 27, under Chairwoman Rosenworcel's leadership, the FCC was able to announce that [five million households](#) enrolled in the EBB program.

Additionally, Chairwoman Rosenworcel's work to close the "[Homework Gap](#)," demonstrates her steadfast dedication to provide adequate resources to educate our nation's youth. Through the E-Rate program, Chairwoman Rosenworcel worked to guarantee our schoolchildren have reliable access to broadband and online resources for their studies. Her leadership and advocacy efforts for the public interest make her an exceptional nominee for the FCC Chair position.

The NHMC supports the nomination of Chairwoman Rosenworcel to the FCC and urges her quick confirmation. We look forward to her future efforts to close the digital divide by providing equitable, affordable, and reliable internet access for our Latinx households and other marginalized communities. If you require additional information or have any questions, please



do not hesitate to contact Georgina Zamora at castilloassiatant@nhmc.org or (626) 792-6462.
Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Brenda Victoria Castillo', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Brenda Victoria Castillo
President & CEO
National Hispanic Media Coalition