



March 14, 2023

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden,

On behalf of the National Hispanic Media Coalition (NHMC), I urge you to advance this nominee recommendation to fill the fifth and final Commissioner seat at the Federal Communications Commission (FCC): Anna Gomez. Earlier this year, NHMC and fellow Latine civil rights organizations wrote you a letter strongly encouraging you to nominate a Latine candidate for the FCC.¹ As the largest minority group in the United States, nominating a Latine to the FCC is vital for the long term socioeconomic prosperity of nearly 20% of the population in this digital age.² In addition, it has been well over twenty years since the Latine community has been represented in the FCC, a period when Commissioner Gloria Tristani previously served in 1997. It is time that the Latine community has a seat in the Commission, and NHMC believes that Anna Gomez is an exceptional candidate for the role.

Anna Gomez currently serves as a Senior Advisor for International Information and Communications Policy in the Bureau of Cyberspace and Digital Policy in the U.S. Department of State. Prior to joining the State Department, Ms. Gomez was a partner in Wiley LLP's telecommunications media and technology group and co-chair of Wiley's Unmanned Aircraft Systems practice, where she specialized in a wide range of spectrum licensing issues and regulatory, policy, and transactional matters related to domestic and international telecommunications. Her expertise in telecommunications and profound commitment to serving the American people will be a great asset to the Commission. Her nomination is critical as the FCC has been stuck in a political deadlock for the past two years. The American people need a full 5-person Commission in order to enact regulations within telecommunications and protect

¹ NHMC, *Letter: President Biden - Latino FCC Nomination*, (January 2, 2023), <https://www.nhmc.org/letter-president-biden-latino-fcc-nomination/>

² "Quick Facts," United States Census Bureau, <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/US/RHI725221>



the first amendment rights of all in this ever changing period of technological advancements and reliance on the internet.

Nominating Anna Gomez will be a pivotal step towards the advancement and excellence of Latine communities across the nation, and recognizes the importance of representation in our federal government. We thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours in the Movement,

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