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Dear Chairman Cruz, Ranking Member Cantwell, and Senate Leadership,

The National Hispanic Media Coalition, a 40 year old Civil Rights organization, calls on this Committee and the Senate to honor longstanding bipartisan procedure in filling vacant Commissioner seats at the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) by not advancing a new Republican nominee unless that nomination is paired with the renomination of a qualified Democratic commissioner, including Commissioner Anna M. Gomez, to a full term.

The FCC was created as a bipartisan independent agency nearly one hundred years ago by Congress in an effort to ensure Universal Communications Services were a priority for the United States government, regardless of which party held majority. Today, the decisions made at

the FCC impact every person in the U.S. from broadband access to the ability to get news from a hyperlocal source. It is paramount that the FCC remain bipartisan and balanced to ensure these decisions accurately reflect the diversity of perspectives and experiences of this nation. It is also important as a notion of statesmanship; the bipartisan structure and procedure of the FCC in particular has always been an intentional choice by Congress to follow through on the promises of Universal Service for the good of our country. We strongly urge the Committee and full Senate to pair the Republican nomination of Danielle Thumann with the renomination of Anna M. Gomez.

Commissioner Gomez has been a champion for fairness and public interest during her time at the Commission, and we do not recommend her renomination lightly. Beyond being the first Latina to sit on the Commission in more than twenty years, Commissioner Gomez has centered reasonableness, progress, and consistency in legal interpretation during a time of partisan turmoil. She is committed to working across party lines and supports efforts to expand broadband competition and close the digital divide, streamlining permitting and spectrum policies, defending a free press as a constitutional foundation to the Commission's work, and strengthening the security and resilience of our nation's communications networks.

For an organization and community like ours, Commissioner Gomez's work represents more than meets the eye. Her renomination and confirmation to a full term means a continuation of important work that uniquely impacts the Latino community and other marginalized communities. With one in three Hispanic adults still not having access to the internet at home, Commissioner Gomez's voice, advocacy, and ability to unite FCC leadership are invaluable assets to furthering the Commission's Congressional Mandate of Universal Service.

The pairing of a Republican nominee with a Democratic nominee has been the Senate's way of ensuring meaningful engagement across the aisles for some of the most pressing communications issues of today. NHMC urges Committee and Senate leadership to continue to uphold this practice.

Sincerely,



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