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The Honorable William E. Kennard
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Re: *Ex Parte Letter* – DA 00-2246
Petition to Deny Applications for Assignment of Chris-Craft Industries, Inc. Broadcast Licenses to Fox Television Stations, Inc.
File Nos. BALCT-20000918ABB-ABD; BALCT-20000918ABF-ABS;
BALCT-20000918ABU-ABZ; BALCT-20000918ACA-ACE

Dear Chairman Kennard:

On behalf of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition ("Coalition"), I am writing to strongly urge you to reject the proposed acquisition of Chris-Craft Industries, Inc.'s ("Chris-Craft") broadcast licenses and assets by Fox Television Stations, Inc. ("Fox"). The Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, along with other parties have filed a Petition to Deny Applications for Assignment of said licenses.

As you are aware, the Coalition's Media and Telecommunications Project has long advocated the diversification of broadcast media in the United States. Unfortunately, the Fox acquisition, and its elimination of unique voices in a number of major cities, would represent a giant step backward in the struggle to create truly diverse broadcast media.

First and foremost, the Coalition is very concerned about the sheer magnitude of the proposed transaction, and the number of Commission rules that the transaction will violate. In New York, for example, News Corporation through its wholly-owned indirect subsidiary, Fox, already own the New York Post and WNYW-TV, pursuant to a waiver of the Newspaper/Broadcast Cross-Ownership Rule granted in 1993. Now Fox seeks yet another waiver of that Rule to permit the acquisition of another New York VHF television station, WWOR-TV. In light of the considerable consolidation that has occurred in the New York City media market, this combination of two powerful VHF television stations and a major daily newspaper would only serve to further eliminate competition in one of the most diverse cities in the United States.

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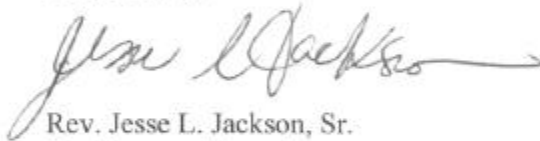
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Furthermore, the addition of WWOR-TV to the Fox media empire, along with Chris-Craft's Los Angeles television station, KCOP-TV, could also likely spell the demise of the United Paramount Network ("UPN"), which provides unique minority-oriented programming. The Coalition believes that the Commission must closely scrutinize the consequences of this transaction, and reject the proposed acquisition if there is a substantial likelihood that the transaction will destroy one of the few national outlets for minority programming.

Pursuant to the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, the Commission must find that any proposed acquisition of broadcast licenses serves the public interest. Fox and Chris-Craft, through their filings with the Commission, have not shown that the creation of their proposed media Goliath will serve the public interest. Accordingly, the Commission should carefully scrutinize the Fox application by designating it for hearing.

I look forward to following the Commission's proceedings on this issue, and hope to schedule a meeting with you shortly to personally discuss this issue. In the interim, should you have any questions concerning this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,



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