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CONGRESSIONAL HISPANIC CAUCUS 118th Congress

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President Joseph R. Biden
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Biden,

As Members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus (CHC), we write to convey the importance of Latino representation on the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Latino inclusion in the leadership and workforce of the U.S. government is a foundational issue for all Americans – especially for the federal agency that writes the regulates interstate and international communications by radio, television, wire, satellite, and cable. As such, there should be a qualified Latino nominated to serve as a Commissioner on the FCC.

Communication via these respective channels impacts all major issues that our community faces, including disinformation, immigration, education, and poverty. Latinos face significant barriers in access to broadband and other communication technology – in 2021, 40 percent of Latino households did not have access to a computer or to broadband.^[1] The FCC's jurisdiction over issues like broadband ensure it will play a crucial role in addressing the technology gaps that disproportionately impact low-income and Latino communities. The FCC could do much to improve communications during national disasters and ensure that Spanish-speaking communities are not left behind.

There has not been a Latino FCC Commissioner for over two decades, and you must ensure that Latinos are not excluded from fully participating in the future of telecommunications. The CHC understands that the Biden-Harris administration is committed to building the most diverse administration in American history, communicated directly by the

^[1] <https://www.axios.com/2021/05/20/digital-gap-latino-students-pandemic>

President and Vice President to CHC previously^[2] – and nominating a Latino to the FCC is a step towards building that legacy.

We urge you to utilize the power of your Presidency to appoint a qualified Latino to the FCC.

Respectfully,



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^[2] <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/04/20/readout-of-oval-office-meeting-with-congressional-hispanic-caucus-leadership/>



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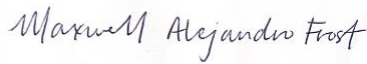
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