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The Honorable Jessica Rosenworcel
Chairwoman
Federal Communications Commission
45 L Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairwoman Rosenworcel:

The results of the 2024 presidential election are apparent and the American people have spoken definitively for a new administration. As a result, the leadership of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will soon change.

To honor the will of the American people and the policy mandate given to the incoming administration, I request the FCC and all of its bureaus and offices immediately stop work on any partisan or controversial matters under consideration or in progress and focus only on matters that are uncontroversial or require action under the law. This course will follow the norms set during past transfers of power.

Between now and January 20, 2025, it is important to ensure the smoothest transition possible. Any controversial FCC action taken up or continued after November 5th will receive particular scrutiny.

I note that you have previously advocated this position by welcoming calls from congressional leaders for the FCC to “paus[e] any controversial activity” and by urging previous FCC chairmen “to follow this past practice in order to ensure an orderly transition...”¹ I ask that you respect this time-honored tradition now.

Sincerely,



Ted Cruz
Ranking Member

¹ Press Release, Jessica Rosenworcel, Commissioner, FCC, Rosenworcel Statement on FCC Activity During Presidential Transition (Nov. 10, 2020), <https://www.fcc.gov/document/rosenworcel-statement-fcc-activity-during-presidential-transition>.