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**Statement of Ranking Member Frank Pallone, Jr., submitted for the record
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Hearing on “Broadcast Ownership in the 21st Century”**

Thank you Chairman Walden and Ranking Member Eshoo for re-convening this hearing on broadcast ownership. Thanks also to our witnesses for coming back. We appreciate that you were willing to be here to take questions after your initial appearance in September.

I won't take too much time. We want to get right to questions. To sum up what we heard in September: Although the video marketplace is rapidly changing in the 21st century, a majority of people still rely on broadcast stations for news and entertainment. So the Federal Communications Commission continues to play a vital role in protecting localism, diversity of ownership, and diversity of viewpoint in the industry.

I hope that today's hearing can provide us with detailed information on how the FCC's rules continue to protect consumers from the harms of further consolidation. I also hope to learn ways that Congress can help to improve minority and female ownership levels.

Again, I'm pleased we are finishing the work we started in September.

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