

**STATEMENT OF
CHAIRWOMAN JESSICA ROSENWORCEL**

Re: *Amendment of Section 73.3556 of the Commission's Rules Regarding Duplication of Programming on Commonly Owned Radio Stations Modernization of Media Regulation Initiative, Order on Reconsideration, MB Docket Nos. 19-310 & 17-105.*

For decades, the Federal Communications Commission has built its media policies around the values of localism, competition, and diversity. I believe in these values because over history they are the best guideposts we have for communications policymaking.

I also believe we can modernize our rules while still honoring these principles. Here we do just that. The rationale for providing AM radio with additional flexibility to duplicate programming does not pertain to FM radio. The economic and signal quality issues are different, and the impact of content duplication is not the same. That is why today we do what we should have done in 2020—work to preserve relief to AM radio based on arguments supported by our record, and work to ensure continued diversity of programming on the FM dial.

Taking this step is recommitting to the essential values that have long supported our policies in this area. I appreciate the petition from REC Networks, the musicFIRST Coalition, and the Future of Music Coalition for providing us with the opportunity to do so.