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The Honorable Brendan Carr
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
45 L Street NE
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Carr:

I write to request that the Federal Communications Commission review the decisions by certain broadcasters not to fully air President Trump's July 16 address on election integrity.

During this major presidential address, President Trump announced the declassification of intelligence indicating that the People's Republic of China compromised sensitive information involving approximately 220 million American voters, targeted our election systems, and may have attempted to manufacture illegal ballots. He also outlined serious vulnerabilities in voter-registration databases, electronic voting machines, and other election infrastructure.

These allegations concern both election integrity and national security. Regardless of political affiliation, the American people deserved to hear this information directly from their President and judge it for themselves. Instead, ABC and NBC declined to broadcast the speech on their primary television networks, while CBS cut away before the President completed his remarks. Offering the address on a streaming platform is not an adequate substitute for free, over-the-air television—particularly for Americans without reliable broadband access.

Broadcasters may criticize, analyze, or fact-check the President's statements. However, refusing to air a major presidential address because executives disagree with its content raises serious concerns that they intended to keep Americans in the dark about potential foreign interference in our elections.

I therefore ask the FCC to review whether the decisions made by licensed stations owned or operated by these companies were consistent with their obligation to serve the public interest and whether those actions should be considered in any pending or future license proceedings.

The public airwaves should inform the American people, not be used by corporate executives to decide which matters of national importance they are permitted to hear.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Earl L. "Buddy" Carter
Member of Congress