



Press Statement

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MMTC CONGRATULATES FCC ON STRENGTHENING EEO ENFORCEMENT:
*Commission Takes This Step on the 50th Anniversary of the Date on Which it Became
the First Federal Agency to Require Its Licensees to Practice Equal Opportunity in Employment*

WASHINGTON, D.C. (July 3, 2018): The Multicultural Media, Telecom and Internet Council (MMTC) congratulates FCC Chairman Ajit Pai for his decision, [announced today](#), to refer to colleagues a proposal to relocate Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) enforcement, now in the Commission’s Media Bureau, to its Enforcement Bureau. In April, the MMTC-led coalition of 34 national organizations (the “EEO Supporters,” including NAACP, National Urban League, LULAC, and Rainbow PUSH Coalition) [proposed this action](#) to the Commission, as well as that the Commission recognize the 50th Anniversary of its original EEO decision. Chairman Pai, through his actions today, has done both.

MMTC Acting President and CEO Maurita Coley issued the following statement:

“On behalf of MMTC and the 33 EEO Supporters who joined our April filing, we thank Chairman Pai for his swift response on this 50th Anniversary of the Commission’s original EEO decision. The Chairman’s decision to urge that EEO enforcement be moved from the Media Bureau to the FCC’s Enforcement Bureau speaks volumes about his willingness to listen, and to act, on proposals from civil rights and social justice advocates about diversity. The FCC’s bold decision 50 years ago in a divided nation to stop discrimination in broadcast hiring paved the way for diverse leaders such as Chairman Pai and former Acting Chairwoman Mignon Clyburn – the first Indian-American and African-American woman FCC Chairs, respectively – to rise to leadership positions that were previously inaccessible to people of color. The action today will help the world to see that ensuring equal opportunity is serious business at this FCC, and it sets an example for other industries, such as the tech industry, that have missed the mark.”

On July 19th, 2018, at its Access to Capital and Telecom Policy Conference, MMTC will present Hon. Mignon Clyburn, first woman chair and first African American woman commissioner of the FCC, with its Everett C. Parker Lifetime Achievement Award. MMTC’s previous statement on the 50th Anniversary of the FCC’s leadership in equal opportunity is available [here](#), and information about the July conference is available [here](#).

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About MMTC:

The Multicultural Media, Telecom and Internet Council (MMTC) is a non-partisan, national nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting and preserving equal opportunity and civil rights in the mass media, telecom and broadband industries, and closing the digital divide. MMTC is generally recognized as the nation’s leading advocate for minority advancement in communications.