



Press Statement

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MMTC Supports Broadcast VOICES Act

WASHINGTON, DC (April 19, 2024): The Multicultural Media, Telecom and Internet Council (MMTC) supports Congressman Steven Horsford's (NV-04) introduction of the Broadcast Varied Ownership Incentives for Community Expanded Service (VOICES) Act. Senator Gary Peter (D-MI) will introduce it in the Senate. Read the legislation [here](#). MMTC believes the legislation aligns with its mission to increase diversity among owners in the broadcasting industry by restoring mechanisms that encourage investment in broadcast stations owned by minorities and women.

MMTC President and CEO Robert Branson stated that "the Broadcast VOICES Act would restore and improve upon the FCC's former Tax Certificate Policy, which from 1978-1995 quintupled minority broadcast station ownership. The proposed new statute is fiscally responsible, nonpartisan, and race neutral. It deserves expedited consideration. More than ever, we need tools like this incentive to increase the number and quality of diverse voices in our communities."

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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 on behalf of its members and constituents, including owners of radio and television broadcast stations, programmers, prospective station owners, and others involved in the TMT industries. MMTC is generally recognized as the nation's leading advocate for minority advancement in communications. MMTC's vision is to achieve a fully connected, educated, healthy, and empowered society in which all communities thrive. Visit MMTC's website [here](#).