

AMENDMENT TO DRAFT OVERSIGHT PLAN

Competition, Localism, and Diversity in Media

CAT #10

Insert a new subsection under “COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY ISSUES” titled “COMPETITION, LOCALISM, AND DIVERSITY IN MEDIA”–

- (1) Insert the following in the new subsection: “The Committee will work to ensure that the Commission adheres to its long-stated public interest goals of promoting competition, localism, and diversity in the media. The Commission has historically recognized that the widest possible dissemination of information from diverse and antagonistic sources is essential to the welfare of the public. As such, the Committee will conduct oversight to ensure that the Commission continues to prevent excessive consolidation, encourage local journalism to combat the emergence of news deserts across the country, and promote a diversity of owners and viewpoints. The Committee will continue to examine the decline of local journalism, and the impact it has on whether the critical information needs of communities are being met. The Committee will also continue to review the Commission’s efforts to collect data on female and minority ownership and employment within the media industry in an effort to explore new initiatives to expand ownership to these significantly underrepresented groups.”