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Statement on the FCC's Market Entry Barriers Report

The Minority Media and Telecommunications Council (MMTC) congratulates the Federal Communications Commission upon today's release of its Market Entry Barriers (Section 257) Report (http://www.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2011/db0303/FCC-11-33A1.pdf).

These reports inform Congress and the public of the FCC's efforts to identify and eliminate barriers to entry facing small, minority and women owned businesses.

As today's Report notes, minority ownership of media and telecom businesses is vital to promoting competition, innovation, and (in the case of media) diversity of viewpoints. Access to capital, employment, and transactional opportunities are the principal entry barriers facing minority entrepreneurs. MMTC has made a number of proposals aimed at reducing these barriers. We look forward to working with the Commission to find the most effective ways to incentivize and facilitate more robust minority participation in media, telecom and broadband employment and ownership.

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