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***MMTC Commends the Federal Communications Commission  
for Taking Action Against Prepaid Calling Card Fraud***

***For Immediate Release*** – WASHINGTON, DC, 10/21/2012 – The Minority Media and Telecommunications Council (MMTC) commends the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and its Enforcement Bureau for taking action against prepaid calling card fraud. The Commission has proposed \$30 million in forfeitures from a prepaid calling card provider and urged buyers to “carefully review calling card advertisements prior to purchase.”

Calling card fraud includes deceptive fine print, undisclosed fees, and blatant misinformation that grossly overstates the amount of actual calling time on a card.

In a public notice, the Commission stated, “Many prepaid calling card providers target vulnerable low-income, minority, or immigrant communities, falsely claiming that calling cards costing just a few dollars will give the consumer hundreds, if not thousands, of minutes of calls to family and friends across the globe. The FCC’s investigations have found that due to undisclosed fees and ‘fine print’ consumers would get only a fraction of the advertised minutes.”

MMTC applauds the FCC for taking strong action to protect consumers from calling card fraud and to preserve the integrity of telecommunications services to minority, low-income, and multilingual communities.

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MMTC is a national nonprofit organization founded in 1986 to promote and preserve media diversity and equal opportunity in the mass media, telecommunications, and broadband industries.

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