



**Minority Media &  
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## Press Release

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### **MMTC EXPRESSES SUPPORT FOR WHITE HOUSE APPOINTMENT OF HON. MIGNON CLYBURN AND NOMINATION OF TOM WHEELER TO HEAD FCC**

Washington, D.C. (April 30, 2013): The Minority Media and Telecommunications Council (MMTC) proudly commends President Barack Obama for selecting senior FCC Commissioner Mignon Clyburn and telecom visionary Tom Wheeler to be Interim Chair and Chair of the FCC, respectively.

Last week, MMTC and 49 other organizations, including the NAACP, League of United Latin American Citizens, and the Alliance for Women in Media, wrote to the President to encourage him to nominate FCC Commissioners that would prioritize minority and women's issues. The letter cited the disproportionately low representation of women and minorities in media and telecom ownership, procurement, employment, and entrepreneurship in industries overseen by the FCC.

Since joining the FCC in 2009, Commissioner Clyburn has served as a bastion of support for minority and women's issues, having recently been instrumental in defending the Universal Service Fund's Lifeline Program, and speaking out against predatory prison payphone rates that disproportionately impact minorities and women.

Tom Wheeler has nearly three decades of experience as a policy expert at the forefront of telecommunications policy and business development, building a reputation for promoting diversity and innovation throughout his career. MMTC is confident that, along with Commissioners Clyburn, Aji Pai, and Jessica Rosenworcel, Wheeler will continue to advance minority and women's issues in industries comprising one-sixth of the economy.

On the appointments, MMTC President David Honig stated, "With Tom Wheeler as Chair and Mignon Clyburn as Interim Chair, the White House has given us a 'dream team' - two extraordinarily talented public servants, both of whom bring many years of practical business experience in media and telecom and who are known for their integrity and fair-mindedness. They will ensure that diversity, equal opportunity and inclusion will be top priorities at the FCC."

#### **About MMTC:**

The Minority Media and Telecommunications Council (MMTC) is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting and preserving equal opportunity and civil rights in the mass media, telecommunications and broadband industries, and closing the digital divide. MMTC is generally recognized as the nation's leading advocate for minority advancement in communications.