

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

July 28, 2026

Brendan Carr
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
45 L Street NE Washington, DC 20554
MB Docket No. 26-131

RE: Letter of Support for KTRK-TV (ABC13 Houston) License Renewal

Dear Commissioner Carr,

As members of Congress representing Texas, we write to support the renewal of the broadcast license of KTRK-TV (ABC13 Houston). For more than forty years, KTRK-TV has served the community as a trusted, indispensable public service and news provider for the entire Houston region.

KTRK-TV is a leader in local news, civic reporting, and meaningful community engagement. The station delivers more than sixty hours of live local news each week, ensuring Houstonians remain informed in real time about the issues that matter—from breaking news to severe weather, including hurricanes, floods, and tornadoes, all of which we have experienced in just the last few years. Its investment in technology, such as the Sky Eye 13 HD helicopter and expanded radar networks, means residents have access to timely, accurate coverage and vital safety information in times of need.

In our view, KTRK-TV's role as a community partner cannot be overstated. Through events like the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo, Houston Marathon, and annual parades, the station celebrates Houston's heritage and culture. It spearheads charitable initiatives, including the Share Your Holidays Food Drive (which donated more than 140 million meals last year), school supply drives, blood donation events, pet adoption campaigns, and recycling efforts, all benefiting the area.

Decades as Houston's #1 station and its numerous Lone Star Emmy awards underscores KTRK-TV's unwavering dedication to the public interest. Its influence, integrity, and service are essential to the region—helping residents prepare for emergencies, participate in civic life, celebrate local achievements, and support one another through charity and outreach.

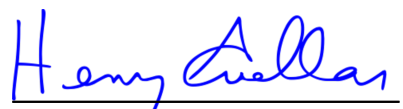
For these reasons, we urge the Federal Communications Commission to renew KTRK-TV's license, ensuring its important service to our community continues uninterrupted.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



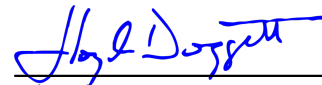
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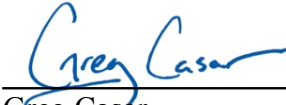
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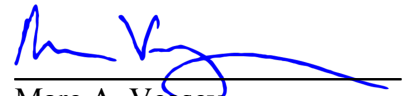
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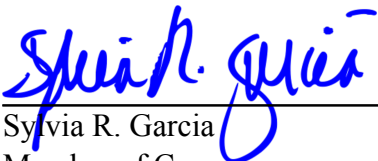
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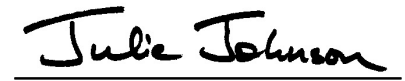
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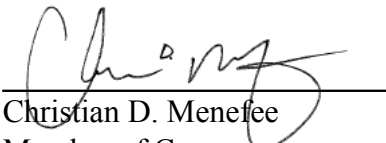
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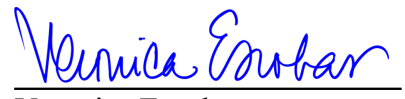
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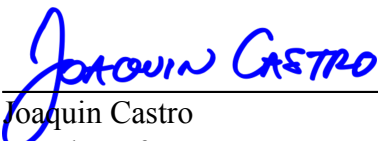
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