



The National Voice of the Hispanic Legal Community.

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The Honorable Xavier Becerra
U.S. House of Representatives
1119 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Becerra:

On behalf of the Hispanic National Bar Association (“HNBA”), I thank you for the opportunity to attend this afternoon’s meeting regarding proposed video franchising legislation. As you know, the HBNA represents the interests of over 27,000 Hispanic American attorneys, judges, law professors, and law students in the United States and Puerto Rico. We have analyzed video franchising legislation pending before the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives, and we urge you to oppose video franchising legislation that weakens long-standing anti-discrimination rules that protect Hispanic communities.

We humbly submit for consideration a letter that we sent to the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation on January 30, 2006, in which we discuss our position on this very important issue. We stand firmly behind one of the most important “stakeholders” – the Hispanic consumer of video and telecommunication services.

Sincerely,

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cc: Ms. Cindy Panuco
HNBA Executive Committee