



Statement by Charles Herring, President of One America News Network

Subject: Endorsing the Confirmation of Gigi Sohn as FCC Commissioner

Unfortunately, many times business owners find themselves in the position where they need to advocate for reasonable, light-handed regulations. The cable programming industry is no different. As an executive of an independent, family-owned business of two national networks, One America News Network and AWE, I've found myself advocating for more open markets in an environment that is arguably a quasi-monopoly. I've fought in the trenches side-by-side with Gigi Sohn for a number of years on multiple issues. I'm fully aware of Gigi's personal views, yet I'm even more knowledgeable on her strong belief and advocacy for **diversity** in the programming lineup, especially in news, regardless of conflicts with her personal views.

Gigi has been very consistent in her views for diversity in media. She has advocated for reasonable policies to support numerous points of view and to open up the markets to independent voices in all aspects of media. She believes in the First Amendment and the advantages of a strong and open media for the benefit of our democracy.

She is one of the most knowledgeable persons I know on FCC issues and has the common sense and desire to work with people on both sides of the aisle. I've witnessed her dedication first hand and I fully encourage fellow programmers and friends across the spectrum to step up and express their support for Gigi Sohn.

Kindest Regards,

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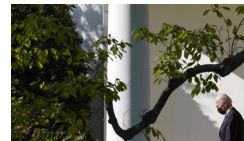
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