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| FCC - Statement from the Federal Communications Commission**Media Contact:** MediaRelations@fcc.gov**For Immediate Release****CHAIRWOMAN ROSENWORCEL ON FIRST AMENDMENT THREATS TO FLORIDA BROADCAST STATIONS** ***--*** WASHINGTON, October 8, 2024—Federal Communications Commission Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel issued the following statement today on [threats made by government officials](https://floridapolitics.com/archives/700182-department-of-health-sends-cease-and-desist-letter-to-tv-station-over-abortion-ad/) in Florida against broadcast stations for airing a political ad: “The right of broadcasters to speak freely is rooted in the First Amendment. Threats against broadcast stations for airing content that conflicts with the government’s views are dangerous and undermine the fundamental principle of free speech.”Chairwoman Rosenworcel has previously spoken out against efforts by political candidates to influence the content shared by broadcast stations. Following the Presidential debate in September, she [rejected](https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DOC-405440A1.pdf) calls by former President Trump to revoke ABC’s license.###**Office of the Chairwoman: (202) 418-2400 / www.fcc.gov/jessica-rosenworcel***This is an unofficial announcement of Commission action. Release of the full text of a Commission order constitutes official action. See MCI v. FCC, 515 F.2d 385 (D.C. Cir. 1974).* |