

STATEMENT BY
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RE: Supreme Court Must Carry Decision

I have unwaveringly believed that broadcasters who have a government public interest mandate must have access to the public they are required to serve. This is validated in Section 307(b) of the Communications Act. Must carry assures broadcasters the opportunity to meet the needs and interest of their local communities. I am therefore gratified that the Supreme Court has allowed the rules to remain in effect pending compilation of further evidence by the special three-judge court. I am sure that the tea-leaf readings on this decision will be as varied as the interests involved. Nevertheless, I remain as certain as I have always been that when the legal dust settles the rules will be found to be consistent with First Amendment principles, and I look forward to participating in the further legal process that will vindicate that opinion.

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