

QUESTIONS FOR ANNA GOMEZ FROM RANKING MEMBER CRUZ

- 1. What role, if any, does the FCC have with respect to online “misinformation” or “disinformation”?**

I am unaware that the FCC has any role with respect to online content.

- 2. You said in your answer that you are a supporter of the First Amendment and that it protects each of us. Does that mean that when FCC exercises its authority over broadcast and cable operators that have an online presence, you agree that the FCC has no role in considering “misinformation” or “disinformation” in reviewing their licensing applications or pursuing enforcement actions?**

I believe the FCC is prohibited by law from engaging in censorship or infringing on First Amendment rights of broadcasters and cable operators, including when reviewing license applications or in enforcement proceedings based on their online presence. That said, if confirmed, I would carefully review the facts of any specific matter keeping First Amendment principles in mind.

- 3. Would you consider whether a broadcaster has engaged in “misinformation” or “disinformation” in reviewing their licensing applications or pursuing enforcement actions?**

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- 4. To the extent FCC has authority over broadband providers, do you agree that the FCC should not consider online spread of “misinformation” or “disinformation” in exercising such authority?**

It’s unclear in what context such an issue would arise, but if it did, I believe the FCC is prohibited by law from engaging in censorship or infringing on First Amendment rights of any party, including broadband providers, and thus, if confirmed, I would carefully review the facts of any specific matter keeping First Amendment principles in mind.