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During her FCC tenure, Commissioner Ness championed diversity of ownership in mass media as vital to a vibrant democracy. She played a leading role on spectrum policy issues, facilitating the deployment of new technologies, including PCS, digital television, digital satellite radio, and expansion of unlicensed wireless services. As chair of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, she fought for Internet access in the classroom. She also was the FCC’s lead representative at many international treaty conferences and negotiations. Prior to her FCC appointment, Ms. Ness was a Vice President and Group Head of a national bank, lending to communications companies. Her national portfolio included cable, broadcast, mobile and fixed wireless, satellite, telecommunications, programming and publishing companies. She also served as assistant counsel to the Committee on Banking, Currency and Housing of the U.S. House of Representatives.

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