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Charles Stein
Director, External Affairs – Houston Region

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CC: Ed Gillespie, Senior EVP – External & Legislative Affairs, AT&T Inc., 208 S. Akard Street, Dallas, TX 75202

Re: Community Media & Digital Inclusion Partnership Opportunity

Dear Mr. Stein,

Over four decades ago, Houston Media Source opened its doors with a simple belief: every community deserves a platform. Since then, thousands of Houston residents have walked through those doors — and many walked out as journalists, producers, broadcasters, and public affairs professionals.

HMS is now entering a defining new chapter. Following the City of Houston's lease transition, we are not simply preserving what was built — we are building what comes next. We believe AT&T, with its decades-long commitment to connectivity and community advancement, is uniquely positioned to be our partner in that mission.

Where Our Missions Align

- Community media literacy and communication access initiatives
- Youth media, podcast training, and creative workforce development
- Digital inclusion and technology accessibility programming
- Civic engagement and neighborhood storytelling campaigns

In a world of rapidly shifting communication technologies, community-centered media is not a luxury — it is a lifeline. HMS remains one of Houston's most trusted platforms for authentic storytelling, civic dialogue, and creative opportunity. A partnership with AT&T would amplify that impact in ways neither organization could achieve alone.

We would welcome the opportunity to connect and explore what this collaboration could look like. Thank you for your leadership and your enduring investment in community connectivity.

With appreciation and optimism,

Jerold La Beaux

President, Houston Media Source · Board of Directors

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