



SPECIAL GUEST:



Mignon Clyburn
Former Commissioner
FCC (Federal Communications Commission)

Mignon Clyburn served as Commissioner on the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) from 2009 to 2018, and acting chair from May to November of 2013.

During her nearly nine years at the FCC, Commissioner Clyburn was committed to closing persistent digital divides that continue to challenge rural, Native and low wealth communities. Specifically, she pushed for the modernization of the agency's Lifeline Program, which assists low income consumers in defraying the cost of voice and broadband service, championed diversity in media ownership, initiated Inmate Calling Services reforms, emphasized diversity and inclusion in STEM opportunities, and fought to preserve a free and open internet.

Clyburn is currently a Fellow at the Open Society Foundation where she continues to champion efforts to eliminate predatory rates for prison telephone services.

She is a graduate of the University of South Carolina and holds a BS in banking, finance and economics.