

**Before the  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In re )  
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**MHZ NEWS LLC** )  
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Report under Section 1085 of the John S. )  
McCain National Defense Authorization Act )  
for Fiscal Year 2019 )

To: The Commission

**REPORT**

The following report is submitted pursuant to Section 1085 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019<sup>1</sup> and the Federal Communications Commission’s September 4, 2018 *Public Notice* implementing that section.<sup>2</sup>

- 1) *Name of Outlet*: MHZ News LLC (“MHZ News”) is a limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of Delaware for the purpose of operating as a news service engaged in *bona fide* news or journalistic activities. MHZ News is a wholly-owned subsidiary of MHZ Networks LLC, which is 100 percent owned by U.S. citizens.
- 2) *Description of Relationship*: MHZ News distributes video programming produced outside the United States, which is transmitted by (among others) multichannel video programming distributors in the United States. During the period from April 13, 2019 through October 12, 2019, MHZ News has had contractual relationships with three foreign entities: France Medias Monde (“FMM,” a public limited company organized in the country of France), Deutsche Welle (“DW,” a public broadcasting institution formed under German law), and the English service of Al Jazeera Media Network (“AJMN,” an independent news organization). Under these contracts, MHZ

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<sup>1</sup> John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019, Pub. L. No. 115-232, § 1085 (2018) (“NDAA”).

<sup>2</sup> *FCC Announces Disclosure Requirements for United States-Based Foreign Media Outlets*, Public Notice, DA 18-911 (rel. Sep. 4, 2018).

News has the right, in exchange for compensation, to distribute video programming produced by those counterparties.<sup>3</sup>

Please direct any communications regarding this report to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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<sup>3</sup> None of FMM, DW or AJMN is “a government of a foreign country” or “a foreign political party;” nor is any of them controlled by either a government or party. Each receives its funding through a government mechanism, however, so MHZ News is filing this report in the interest of transparency and out of an abundance of caution.