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Travis Ruiz News Director KRBC 4510 South 14th Street Abilene, TX 79605

Dear Travis,

It is an honor to join the people of Texas in congratulating the KRBC team on winning the Texas Association of Broadcasters Bonner McLane Public Service Award and thanking KRBC for the transformative work done by the "Forever Family" series. This award recognizes not only the love each member of your team has for the Big Country but your passion for saving and changing lives through media. The work done by and through the "Forever Family" series is an inspiration to us all.

For 67 years KRBC has served the people of Abilene and the Big County with local journalism that keeps Texans informed and engaged with their community. With the "Forever Family" series, the news of the day became an opportunity for Texans to change the heartbreaking statistics of foster care into beautiful stories of new families and unconditional love. Your support of each child during their most difficult times has touched countless lives and made an immeasurable impact on Texas and the United States of America. You have helped transform lives with your commitment to finding homes for every child. It is an honor to celebrate your lasting impact on Texas foster children as they take the next steps in achieving their dream of family. You represent the best of Texas to all of us. For your continued support of Texas children, I thank you. You have my deepest respect.

As your team continues in the calling that first drew each of you to journalism, I wish you the very best. If I may ever be of service to you in this important work, please do not hesitate to say so.

May God bless KRBC, and may God continue to bless America.

Sincerely,

Ted Cruz United States Senator