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## **STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER ROBERT M. MCDOWELL REGARDING NASHVILLE MEDIA OWNERSHIP FIELD HEARING**

I regret that I am unable to attend the Commission's media ownership field hearing in Nashville. The debate over our broadcast ownership rules elicits the opinions and passions of people from all walks of life from all over the country. I value those viewpoints and look forward to hearing more from the perspectives of all interested parties.

I thank Commissioner Tate, her staff and the staff of the Media Bureau for all of their efforts to organize the hearing. I am sorry that I will miss the event, as the comments from the panelists and members of the public surely will make a great contribution to the Commission's ownership inquiry.

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