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STATEMENT OF FCC COMMISSIONER ROBERT M. McDOWELL

FCC Commissioner Robert McDowell issued the following statement on today's decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit regarding local franchising authority rules for new entrants in video services:

“I am pleased that the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit upheld the Commission's legal authority to encourage fair and full competition among video service providers. No governmental entities, including those of us at the FCC, should have any thumb on the scale to give a regulatory advantage to any competitor. Providing regulatory certainty to all market players is the best way to enhance video competition, accelerate broadband deployment and produce lower rates for consumers.”

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