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**STATEMENT OF FCC COMMISSIONER ROBERT M. McDOWELL
IN RESPONSE TO THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION TO DELAY THE DIGITAL TELEVISION TRANSITION
DEADLINE TO JUNE 12, 2009**

The following statement can be attributed to Commissioner Robert M. McDowell:

“Today, a majority of the directly elected representatives of the American people, the U.S. Congress, has clearly expressed its desire to postpone the deadline for the cessation of analog full-power television broadcasts to June 12, 2009. I look forward to joining my two colleagues, Acting Chairman Copps and Commissioner Adelstein, in quickly implementing the will of the Congress. I know we will do all that we can to minimize the inevitable disruption and confusion this transition will cause. In the meantime, let’s all stay on message: if you need a converter box, get it today and hook it up today and start enjoying the benefits of digital television today.”

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