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STATEMENT OF FCC ACTING CHAIRMAN MICHAEL COPPS ON U.S. SUPREME COURT DECISION IN FOX INDECENCY CASE

"Today's Supreme Court decision in Fox is a big win for America's families. The Court recognized that when broadcasters are granted free and exclusive use of a valuable public resource, they incur enforceable public interest obligations. Although avoiding the broadcast of indecent language when children are likely to be watching is one of those core responsibilities, few can deny the blatant coarsening of programming in recent years. The Court's decision should reassure parents that their children can still be protected from indecent material on the nation's airwayes."