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## **STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER ROBERT M. McDOWELL ON THE PASSING OF SENATOR TED STEVENS**

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

"Sadly, today we have learned that America has lost a great statesman. Former Senator Ted Stevens was an American original. Through his tireless efforts in the U.S. Senate, he was not only a key figure in fighting for Alaska and its citizens, but a man whose energy and talent reverberated into many other areas of American public policy. From strengthening our armed forces, to forging equal rights for women athletes through the passage of Title IX, to helping connect rural America to the rest of the world through his tireless support of the Universal Service program, the beneficial effects of Senator Stevens' bold efforts have long been felt far beyond the borders of his beloved Alaska. My heartfelt prayers are with him and his grieving family along with the additional victims of this tragic plane crash and their loved ones."

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