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## **STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER ROBERT M. McDOWELL ON THE ANNOUNCED DEPARTURE OF CHAIRMAN JULIUS GENACHOWSKI**

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

The announced departure of my friend and colleague, Julius Genachowski, as Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, brings to a close a historic era of thoughtful and energetic policymaking.

Although occasionally we disagreed, sometimes profoundly, he leaves office with my utmost respect. He proved that through hard work, persistence and creativity, bipartisanship and compromise in policymaking can occur in Washington, even in these days of sharp divisions and gridlock.

His leadership has produced a legacy of highly significant accomplishments. For brevity's sake, I'll mention just a few. Working with me across a 3 to 1 partisan divide, Julius brokered the first comprehensive federal entitlement reform in a generation with our 2011 landmark modernization of the FCC's universal service subsidy program. This badly needed overhaul eluded several previous FCCs led by both Republicans and Democrats, but Julius succeeded where others did not. The end result included market-based incentives that are already saving American consumers hundreds of millions of dollars while bringing broadband to unserved areas. This historic accomplishment would not have happened without Julius's courage and determination to reach a thoughtful compromise.

Since becoming Chairman, he has been an eloquent and effective advocate for repurposing valuable spectrum to meet the needs and demands of American consumers. The results may not come to fruition for years, but many of his efforts in the wireless sector will help spur investment, innovation and economic growth.

Additionally, he reformed many of the Commission's processes, including enhancing information flow throughout the agency.

The American people should know that Julius Genachowski has been a dedicated public servant who relentlessly sought consensus in pursuit of what he thought was right for the country. It has been a privilege to serve with him. I offer him and his beautiful family my best wishes in their future endeavors.

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