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STATEMENT FROM FCC ACTING CHAIRWOMAN MIGNON L. CLYBURN ON THE PASSING OF SENATOR FRANK LAUTENBERG

Yesterday, the country lost a great patriot, and the Commission lost a great friend.

A son of immigrants, Frank Lautenberg lived the American Dream, serving his country in World War II, attending college on the GI bill, and then building one of the largest computing services companies in the world before serving in the U.S. Senate.

What I admired most about Frank Lautenberg is after retiring from the Senate at age 77, he would return only two years later. For all his accomplishments and for all he had already given his country, he couldn't walk away from public service. Just last year, he joined with FCC Chairman Genachowski to tout his legislation to help researchers turn their scientific discoveries into marketable products that drive new businesses and create new jobs, as he had done decades earlier. To the end, Senator Lautenberg fought to keep the American Dream alive for future generations.

My deepest condolences go to his family and the people of New Jersey.

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