

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER ROBERT M. MCDOWELL**

Re: *Annual Assessment of the Status of Competition in the Market for the Delivery of Video Programming* (MB Docket No. 06-189)

I am pleased to support this Notice, which posits a comprehensive set of questions about the state of competition in the market for the delivery of video programming. The data, analyses and comments sought by the Notice will inform our policy determinations in the media sector and in several other areas, as emerging technologies continue to develop and new entrants from related industries continue to offer new video services to consumers. Last year's report found that strong competition in the MVPD market provided consumers with the benefits of greater choice in providers, better picture quality and technological innovations that enable more control over when and how they receive video programming and information. But, of course, there is plenty of room for more competition in this sector. I look forward to the results of this year's inquiry and thank the Media Bureau for their work on this Notice.