

**STATEMENT OF  
COMMISSIONER NATHAN SIMINGTON**

Re: *Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2021*, MD Docket No. 21-190.

Every year, the Commission must collect regulatory fees, generally under a punishing statutory deadline. It is perhaps no one's favorite task, but it is among the most essential of Commission functions. I am humbled by the hard work of my colleagues on the Commission, and particularly of staff, to get the item over the line this year.

I had concerns about the initial draft of this item that ably were addressed in a round of substantial edits. Extending her record of bipartisan leadership, Acting Chairwoman Rosenworcel and her staff shepherded the item through to completion, with thoughtful input from other offices. I believe the resulting report and order, and notice of proposed rulemaking, to be fairer reflections of what the law requires us to do.

Commission staff are the best in the business, which they daily prove. But even though our expectations of them may be high given their uniform dedication and excellence, I believe those high expectations somehow have been exceeded in this instance. To everyone who worked to complete this item, I offer my sincere gratitude.