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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
United States Senate
317 Russell Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator McConnell,

As President and CEO of the National Religious Broadcasters (NRB), I write to support the recommendations made to you by Congressman Frank Wolf for appointments to the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG). I agree with Rep. Wolf that Mr. Michael Horowitz of the Hudson Institute and Mr. Leonard Leo of the Federalist Society would be excellent additions to the BBG.

NRB is an ardent advocate of America's First Amendment freedoms for all people domestically and abroad. While our association primarily consists of U.S.-based Christian ministry organizations that engage in communications activities on-air and online, not only do many of our members operate overseas, but we also have close relationships with local religious broadcasters around the world. NRB is acutely aware of the power of free communication to shine light into dark places.

As Rep. Wolf highlights, the BBG is well-positioned to overcome barriers of communication to the world's closed societies. The addition of Mr. Horowitz and Mr. Leo, both of whom have been actively involved in promoting First Amendment freedoms globally for years, would strengthen the BBG and its work to ensure the free flow of information that ultimately supports democratic values of free speech, free press, and free religious expression abroad.

Thank you for your time and for your consideration of this request. NRB is grateful for your leadership of the U.S. Senate.

Sincerely,

Frank Wright, Ph.D.
President & CEO

cc: The Honorable Frank R. Wolf