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August 24, 2011

The Honorable Julius Genachowski
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
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Dear Chairman Genachowski:

On behalf of all NRB members, I write today to express our deep appreciation for your recent action to strike the Fairness Doctrine from the Code of Federal Regulations. NRB has long agreed that this rule has a chilling effect on free speech and the free flow of ideas. NRB members are pleased that the text of this rule, while abandoned decades ago, is at long last removed from the books.

Now that the letter of this rule has been eliminated, NRB stands ready to work with you to ensure that the spirit of the Fairness Doctrine does not creep into other rules or proceedings. For example, we were encouraged earlier this summer when the FCC Working Group on the Information Needs of Communities issued findings warning of bureaucratic heavy-handedness in some policies that have been considered in the name of "localism."

Again, I appreciate your resolve on this important matter. NRB is grateful for your efforts to protect our First Amendment freedoms.

Thank you for your leadership at the Federal Communications Commission.

Gratefully,

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