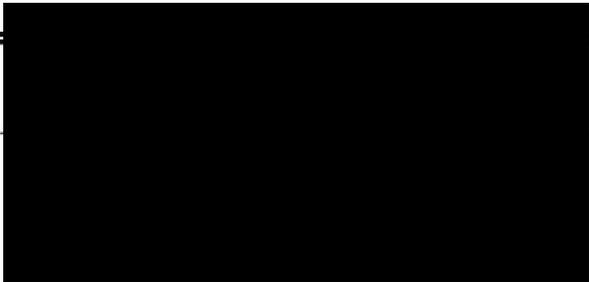


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Witness Disclosure Requirement - "Truth in Testimony"
Required by House Rule XI, Clause 2(g)

1. Your Name: <u>MICHAEL J. COPPS</u>		
2. Are you testifying on behalf of the Federal, or a State or local government entity?	Yes	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Are you testifying on behalf of an entity that is not a government entity? <u>COMMON CAUSE</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	No
4. Other than yourself, please list which entity or entities you are representing:		
5. Please list any Federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) that you or the entity you represent have received on or after October 1, 2011: <u>NONE</u>		
6. If your answer to the question in item 3 in this form is "yes," please describe your position or representational capacity with the entity or entities you are representing: <u>SPECIAL ADVISER (Part-time)</u>		
7. If your answer to the question in item 3 is "yes," do any of the entities disclosed in item 4 have parent organizations, subsidiaries, or partnerships that you are not representing in your testimony?	Yes	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8. If the answer to the question in item 3 is "yes," please list any Federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) that were received by the entities listed under the question in item 4 on or after October 1, 2011, that exceed 10 percent of the revenue of the entities in the year received, including the source and amount of each grant or contract to be listed: <u>NONE</u>		
9. Please attach your curriculum vitae to your completed disclosure form.		

Signature:



Date:

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF THE HONORABLE MICHAEL J. COPPS

Michael J. Copps served two terms as a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, from 2001 through 2011—the seventh longest-serving Commissioner in the history of the agency. Commissioners are nominated by the President and confirmed by the United States Senate.

Dr. Copps moved to Washington in 1970, joined the staff of Senator Fritz Hollings, and served for over a dozen years as Hollings' Chief of Staff. Following his years with Hollings, Copps held executive positions in the private sector with a Fortune 500 company and a major trade association.

Copps returned to government following the election of President Bill Clinton, serving first as Deputy Assistant Secretary, and then Assistant Secretary, for Trade Development at the U.S. Department of Commerce. Assistant Secretary Copps led a 400-person team working to build public sector-private sector partnerships to improve global market access and market share for nearly every sector of American industry, including information technologies and telecommunications.

His years at the Commission were highlighted by his strong defense of "the public interest"; outreach to what he calls "non-traditional stakeholders" in the decisions of the FCC, particularly minorities, Native Americans, and the various disabilities communities; and actions to stem the tide of what he regards as excessive consolidation in the nation's media and telecommunications industries. As Acting Chairman in 2009, he mobilized the agency to successfully transition the nation's commercial television from analog to digital broadcasting.

Copps continues to speak out on the issues he championed at the FCC. He is currently spearheading a new Media Democracy and Reform Initiative at Common Cause, the national citizens' action group. This Initiative enables him to crisscross the nation to energize a grassroots discussion of what he sees as the declining state of America's news and information infrastructure, with particular emphasis on the state of the news, media and telecommunications industry consolidation, and government neglect of its important public interest oversight responsibilities. Copps serves on the Boards of Directors of Free Press and Public Knowledge. He also writes a monthly blog for the Benton Foundation.

A native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Copps earned a B.A. degree from Wofford College in 1963 and a Ph.D. in United States History from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1967. He also received an Honorary Doctorate of Laws from Wofford College in 2005. Prior to locating in Washington, he taught U. S. History at Loyola University in New Orleans from 1967-1970.

He and his wife, Beth, have five children and seven grandchildren. The couple resides in Alexandria, Virginia.



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