Committee on Energy and Commerce
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1.	**Your Name:** ROBERT M. MCDOWELL		
2.	**Your Title:** Attorney		
3.	**The Entity(ies) You are Representing:** Myself		
4.	**Are you testifying on behalf of the Federal, or a State or local government entity?**	**Yes**	**No** ✓
5.	**Please list any Federal grants or contracts, or contracts or payments originating with a foreign government, that you or the entity(ies) you represent have received on or after January 1, 2013. Only grants, contracts, or payments related to the subject matter of the hearing must be listed.**		
6.	**Please attach your curriculum vitae to your completed disclosure form.**		

Signature [redacted] **Date:** 5-14-15

ROBERT M. MCDOWELL

EDUCATION

J.D., College of William & Mary; Order of the Barristers

B.A., *cum laude*, Duke University

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

Virginia Bar

Supreme Court of the United States

Supreme Court of Virginia

U.S. Courts of Appeals for the First, Fourth, Fifth and District of Columbia Circuits

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia

Mr. McDowell, former commissioner and senior member of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), has been an industry and government leader on a multitude of complex issues in the communications field throughout his career. Appointed to the FCC by presidents George W. Bush (2006) and Barack Obama (2009) and unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate each time, Mr. McDowell was the first Republican appointed to an independent agency by President Obama. During his seven years as one of five FCC commissioners, he spearheaded the production of policies that directly affected all aspects of the Internet, wireless technologies, broadband competition, and communications equipment and devices, as well as radio and satellite services. Mr. McDowell also has 16 years of private sector experience in the communications industry. He is currently a senior advisor at Berenson & Co. and a senior fellow at the Hudson Institute's Center for the Economics of the Internet. Mr. McDowell received his J.D. from the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary. A partner in the Communications Practice at Wiley Rein LLP, he provides strategic legal, business, and public policy advice to clients on important domestic and international matters in the telecommunications, media, technology, and digital media industries.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Led efforts to put more of the airwaves into the hands of American consumers through the auction of exclusive use licenses previously used for television as well as unlicensed use of various frequencies including the TV "white spaces" and the 5 GHz band.
- As a veteran of the two largest wireless auctions in U.S. history at that time, led efforts for the FCC to adopt "flexible use" policies to maximize freedom for entrepreneurs and innovators.
- Wrote a seminal 2012 opinion-editorial in *The Wall Street Journal*, which sparked the creation of an international coalition to combat multilateral Internet regulation and resulted in legislation being adopted unanimously by the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate in 2012.
- Led a bipartisan effort to negotiate and successfully secure the first federal entitlement reform in a generation through an overhaul of the FCC's $8 billion-per-year Universal Service subsidy program.
- Played a leading role in the outcome of countless large corporate transactions including those involving satellite, media, and wireless companies.
- Helped lead the massive 2009 digital television transition to a successful end as one of only three FCC commissioners.
- Led an effort to establish a ban on discriminatory practices in broadcast advertising, resulting in the adoption of the first federal civil rights rule in a generation.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Senior Advisor, Berenson & Co. (2014-Present)
- Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission (2006-2013)
- Senior Vice President and Assistant General Counsel, Competitive Telecommunications Association (CompTel) (1996-2006)
- Executive Vice President and General Counsel, America's Carriers Telecommunications Association (ACTA) (1998-1999)
- Private law practice (1990-1998)
- Chief of Staff, Virginia House of Delegates, Office of Delegate Robert T. Andrews (1985-1987)

AFFILIATIONS

- The Media Institute
  - Chair, Global Free Speech and the Internet Advisory Council (2015-Present)
  - Ex Officio Member
- Board of Directors, The Potomac School (2014-Present)
- Senior Fellow, The Hudson Institute (2013-Present)
- Panel Member, Panel on the Future of Global Internet Cooperation and Governance Mechanisms (2013-2014)
- McLean Project for the Arts
  - Chairman (2005-2007)
  - Board Member (1994-2009)
- Virginia Board for Contractors (gubernatorial appointee) (1996-2004)
- Governor's Advisory Board for a Safe and Drug Free Virginia (gubernatorial appointee) (1994-1995)

HONORS & AWARDS

A partial listing of awards includes:

- Received the Latinos in Information Sciences and Technology Association's (LISTA) Chair Award in recognition of commitment to excellence and for leadership on elimination discriminatory practices in broadcast advertising (2008)
- Received the Digital Patriot Award for preserving and advancing technology, entrepreneurship and the spirit of American innovation by The Consumer Electronics Association (2011)
- Received the Media Institute's Freedom of Speech Award for defending the First Amendment right to freedom of expression (2011)
- Given Power of Urban Radio Award for outstanding leadership and meritorious service in helping to eliminate discriminatory advertising practices in broadcasting by the National Association of Black Owned Broadcasters (NABOB) (2012)
- Received Sports Fan Coalition's Most Valuable Policymaker Award (2012)
- Given The Phoenix Center for Advanced Legal and Economic Policy Studies' Jerry B. DuVall Public Service Award in recognition of his exercise of political courage in, and contribution of analytical rigor to, the United States telecom policy debate (2013)
- Received Minority, Media, and Telecom Council's (MMTC) highest award, Everett C. Parker Award, for rendering the most distinguished service, over many years, to diversity and inclusion in the media and telecom industries (2013)