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Dear Trustees:

I encourage the FAF to accept the recommendations made by the Blue Ribbon Panel on Private Company Financial Reporting regarding differential standards and a separate standard-setting entity for private companies. This change is necessary to effectively bring about useful financial statements for private companies and the users of their financial statements.

A new, separate body with standard-setting authority must be established directly under the oversight of the FAF and not subject to FASB approval. It’s imperative that there be a board made up of private company oriented people who would set the different standards affecting the private company financial reporting system.

The panel did their research and their report is based on study efforts spanning 30 years and includes input from private companies and their financial statement users. Differential standards and an autonomous standard-setting body to implement them for private companies are very important and needed.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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