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Dear Sirs/Madams:

I strongly urge 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. Such change is necessary to bring about the appropriate financial reporting for private companies and their users.

Accounting standards have been and are driven by issues affecting public companies. Further, the panel was correct in that it does not make sense to incur significant cost to comply with standards that have become ever more irrelevant in the private company world. In addition, differences in current and future standards for private companies, where appropriate, are necessary. Private company financial reporting, as it stands now, is too complex and is too costly and time-consuming given its benefits.

Preparers of financial statements as well as other industry professionals provided valuable and adequate research to the panel on the problems and needed solutions related to private company financial reporting. Differential standards for private companies are needed now.

Thank you.
Sincerely,

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