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Dear Financial Accounting Foundation:

This letter is to express my support 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 historic change is necessary to effectively bring about sensible, useful financial statements for private companies and the users of their financial statements (such as bankers/lenders, insurers, venture capitalists and others).

I believe a systemic problem exists. The current standard-setting process does not adequately take into account the needs of the private company sector. Further, the panel was correct in that private companies are incurring significantly unnecessary costs for GAAP financial statement preparation and audit, review or compilation services.

In addition, substantive differences in current and future standards for private companies, where appropriate, are necessary. Having appropriate differences will lead to more relevant financial statements that provide decision-useful information to the users of private company financial statements.

Further, a new, separate body with standard-setting authority must be established directly under FAF and not subject to FASB approval. Without such a body, the differences needed in the standards are unlikely to occur, just like with past committees and efforts.

The work done by the panel was extensive and took into account input from all the key constituencies of private company financial reporting. Differential standards and an autonomous standard-setting body to implement them for private companies are needed now.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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