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Dear Financial Accounting Foundation:

1) I 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. Private companies incur significant unnecessary costs for standards which are irrelevant in the private company realm. Further, the panel was correct in that Private companies do not need SEC compliance statements.

In addition, substantive differences in current and future standards for private companies, where appropriate, are necessary. The problem is fundamental, and not just about disclosures and relief on effective dates for new standards, but also on irrelevant information that is too costly for benefit received.

Further, a new, separate body with standard-setting authority must be established directly under FAF and not subject to FASB approval. Given the current environment it is clear that the FASB cannot effectively balance the needs of public and private sectors; private has suffered and will continue to do so.

The panels' report is based on a year of discussion on a problem that has existed the 35+ years of my CPA career. Differential standards and an autonomous standard-setting body to implement them for private companies are needed now.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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