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Dear Financial Accounting Foundation:

1) In my opinion, FAF must 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 historic change is necessary to effectively bring about 2) more relevant 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. 3) Accounting standards have been and are driven by issues affecting public companies. Further, the panel was correct in that 4) 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, substantive differences in current and future standards for private companies, where appropriate, are necessary. 5) 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. 6) Given the public company reporting pressures placed upon FASB, the board cannot adequately respond to the competing needs of the private company sector.

7) Users and preparers of financial statements as well as others provided valuable and adequate research to the panel on the problems and needed solutions related to 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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