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## **Statement of Chairman Allen Dickerson**

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We will lose a unique and valuable voice when Steven T. Walther departs the Federal Election Commission. For over a decade and a half, the American people have been well served by his independent viewpoint and deep practical experience.

A leader of the bar long before he joined the Commission, Steve has brought a lawyer's eye and a gentleman's manners to a difficult and often thankless job. He has embodied that species of effective leadership done quietly, among colleagues, without fanfare or self-promotion. As a result, he has been both respected and trusted by commissioners of both parties.

I am personally grateful for the warm welcome Steve provided me upon my arrival at the Commission. It has been a privilege to serve with him, both as a commissioner and in our current roles leading the agency. And while we await the confirmation of his successor, I look forward to continuing to collaborate with him to advance the Commission's business.

The expected nomination of Dara Lindenbaum reflects longstanding efforts to bring new ideas and fresh perspectives to the Commission's work. I am pleased that the President shares that bipartisan commitment. If she is confirmed, I look forward to welcoming Ms. Lindenbaum as a colleague and benefitting from her recent, hands-on campaign experience.

But I will miss Steve. And, when the time comes, I will wish him well as he returns to the natural beauty of his beloved Nevada.