

Cable Television Laboratories, Inc.

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To: Members of the IEEE Standards Association Standards Board

Re: Support of Proposed Revisions to the IEEE By-Laws

CableLabs is a research and development consortium of world-wide cable operators. CableLabs creates and publishes specifications used in the delivery of data, video, voice, and wireless services to hundreds of millions of households throughout the world. Our member cable operators have deployed significant wired and wireless infrastructure to support such services. CableLabs and our members regularly contribute to IEEE standards. We therefore have a strong interest in the availability of licenses to patents that may be required to implement IEEE standards, including the family of 802.11 standards.

We are aware that the IEEE Standards Association Patent Committee approved, and has now proposed, a set of revisions to the patent section of the IEEE Standards Association By-Laws. We also understand that the Standards Board will shortly be voting on the proposed revisions. CableLabs strongly supports the revisions proposed by the Patent Committee. We believe the revisions will help cable operators, their vendors, and their mutual subscribers avoid disruptive patent disputes, and will also promote broad adoption of IEEE-based Wi-Fi standards. We encourage the members of the Standards Board to support the revisions as proposed by the Patent Committee.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Regards,

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