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Today marks the departure of a colleague whose impact on this Commission—and on the broader landscape of campaign finance law—will be felt for years to come. Commissioner Allen Dickerson is concluding his service here at the FEC, and while we wish him the very best in whatever comes next, his absence will certainly be felt.

Allen is, without question, one of the finest campaign finance minds in the country. He brought to this Commission not only a deep understanding of the law, but also a unique clarity of thought—a clarity that shaped policy, guided our deliberations, and strengthened our role as stewards of the democratic process.

Throughout his tenure, Commissioner Dickerson was an outstanding writer, a keen strategist, and, when necessary, a tough negotiator. But always a fair one. His legal acumen was matched by a tireless dedication to getting the job done right—not to seeking credit or accolades. He never lost sight of the principles that guide our work or the people we serve.

Allen’s approach to the law has always been both principled and practical, and his presence on this Commission elevated the work of everyone around him. The American people were well served by his time in office, and I believe I speak for all of us when I say: I hope we haven’t seen the last of his service to the republic.

Allen, thank you for your integrity, your intellect, and your unwavering commitment to public service. You will be greatly missed.

Godspeed, my friend.