STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER JONATHAN S. ADELSTEIN

Re: Infinity Broadcasting Operations, Inc., Licensee of Station WKRK-FM, Detroit, Michigan; Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture

I support this Notice of Apparent Liability for the broadcast of indecent material at a time when children may be in the audience. This NAL furthers our responsibility to enforce statutory and regulatory provisions restricting broadcast indecency. While this case predates another case in which this station aired some of the most egregious broadcast indecency that I have yet encountered, we impose the statutory maximum fine here and remind broadcasters that the Commission can and will avail itself of a range of enforcement sanctions. I am also concerned that the Commission did not take more steps to address other stations which likely aired the same programming.

Since I arrived at the Commission, we have greatly stepped up our enforcement against indecent broadcasts. I expect that these stepped-up actions will convince broadcasters that they cannot ignore their responsibility to serve the public interest and to avoid the broadcast of indecent material over the public airwaves.