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Here if you have a comment. Not sure if MTG has scheduled her hearing yet.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

February 26, 2025

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**Rep. Kat Cammack & Sen. Jim Banks Introduce The Defund NPR Act**

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Today, Rep. Kat Cammack (R-FL-03) and Senator Jim Banks (R-IN) introduced the Defund NPR Act, which amends section 396 of the Communications Act (47 U.S.C. 396), ensuring no federal funds, direct or indirect, support NPR, including dues or programming purchases.

"I'm glad to join my longtime friend, Senator Banks, in introducing the Defund NPR Act in the House," **said Rep. Cammack**. "Last Congress, the Energy & Commerce Committee held a hearing about the status of NPR and how federal funds are often used for left-wing activism under the journalism moniker. For too long, NPR cherry-picked its coverage in favor of its majority Democrat listeners—87 percent according to a [Pew Research Survey](#)—from failing to cover an assassination attempt on Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh in 2018 to ignoring former President Joe Biden's business dealings with his son Hunter in 2020. Federal funds shouldn't be available to NPR."

"Taxpayers shouldn't be forced to fund NPR's liberal propaganda. If NPR can't stay afloat without government funding, that tells you all you need to know about the quality of their news," **said Sen. Banks**.

Read the text of the legislation [here](#) and more about the bill from Breitbart [here](#).

### **Background:**

CEO of NPR, Katherine Maher, has described the First Amendment as "the number one challenge" to combatting "misinformation," and has attacked former President Donald Trump on social media on several occasions.

In 2019, NPR published an erroneous "correction" after then-Congressman Banks correctly stated that Adam Schiff lied about his relationship with Ukraine "whistleblower" Eric Ciaramella during an on-air interview. According to a recent report from Real Clear Investigations, Mr. Ciaramella accompanied then-Vice President Biden on his trip to Ukraine in 2015, at which the former Vice President demanded the Ukrainian government fire prosecutor Victor Shokin.

In 2024, NPR Senior Editor Uri Berliner wrote an essay exposing how NPR's editorial decisions had been taken over liberals. He noted that he "found 87 registered Democrats working in editorial positions and zero Republicans. None."

On January 29 of this year, FCC Chairman Brandon Carr ordered an investigation into NPR and PBS for potential violations of federal regulations by airing announcements for for-profit entities.

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**From:** [Brendan Carr](#)  
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**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL]: Media Query  
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Thank you for your note, Liam. Will have some more actions on the broadcast side to share in the future.

- Brendan

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Hi Chairman Carr. I hope you're well.

My name is Liam Scott, and I'm a reporter at VOA.

I'm reaching out because I'm reporting on how the FCC has launched investigations into PBS and NPR; reinstated complaints against CBS, NBC and ABC that the previous FCC chairperson dismissed on the grounds of free speech; and requested raw material from CBS's 60 Minutes interview with Kamala Harris.

I'm hoping you or an FCC representative can respond to the following that came up during my reporting:

- That media experts and current and former FCC commissioners have expressed concern about the scope and rapid succession of these inquiries
- That they have expressed concern that the inquiries may be an attempt to intimidate news outlets, especially considering many of the involved outlets have faced criticism from President Donald Trump and his administration
- That some experts have called the moves partisan
- That news outlets typically don't need to turn over reporting materials unless they are subpoenaed
- That during his presidential campaign, Trump threatened to weaponize the FCC to target outlets whose coverage he disliked

My deadline is tomorrow, Feb. 4, at 5 PM ET.

I would also be happy to talk about this in an interview, if possible.

Thank you. I appreciate your help.

Best,  
Liam Scott

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Got it.

### ICE DOXXING

- Reports indicate that on January 26, a California radio station KCBS(AM), which is owned by Audacy (a station group that was recently bought by a Soros-aligned group via an FCC shortcut) broadcast live on air the locations and the make/model of vehicles being used by undercover ICE agents at a time when those ICE agents were operating in a part of San Jose known for violent gang activity.
- The FCC has opened a formal enforcement investigation into this matter. We are seeking information from Audacy. We have not made a final decision but our inquiry does ask them to explain how this conduct (if true) complies with the radio station's obligation to operate in the "public interest" as required by a condition of their federal, FCC license.
- Their response to the FCC will be due in the coming days.

### CBS Transcript

- On October 16, a group filed a complaint with the FCC alleging that CBS violated the FCC's news distortion policy in conjunction with the airing of a 60 Minutes interview with VP / Candidate Harris
- The Dem FCC dismissed the complaint at the eleventh hour without taking any action to investigate the complaint, including not obtaining the transcript
- The FCC asked CBS for the transcript last week. CBS complied and did not ask for any confidential or non-public treatment of the materials
- CBS has also now released tapes and transcript yesterday afternoon
- The FCC took two actions yesterday on this
  - We made materials public
  - The FCC determined that it would be in the public interest to open a docket and seek comment on the complaint and issues. Comments are due March 7 and Reply Comments are due March 24
  - <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DA-25-107A1.pdf>

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Hi Chairman Carr,

We'll also discuss the '60 Minute' Harris interview and full transcript being released. Feel free to send thoughts/talking points on that as well if you have a chance.

Thank you!



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Hi Chairman,

Thank you for joining us tomorrow at 7:40AM ET via the DC bureau. Looping in our producers & overnight team to this confirmation. We'll discuss the FCC's probe into Soros-backed radio stations doxing undercover ICE agents.

Please 'reply all' with a few thoughts you'd like to express.

Morning Fox POC will be Carey Gallagher @ (845) 475-1596.

Here are all of the details.

Show: FOX & Friends

Date: Thursday, February 6, 2025

Call Time: 7:30AM ET

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Thanks,

Mija Maslar

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You can send them this, which can be attributed to an FCC spokesperson:

“There’s a clear factual difference between the four complaints. The three that the FCC returned to their prior, pending status all involved claims regarding material broadcast over licensed TV stations. The one that remains dismissed involved content disseminated over a cable channel. FCC rules treat cable and broadcast TV differently. Moreover, the prior FCC only dismissed the cable one after it sought public comment on the issues—yet it dismissed the three broadcast TV ones without ever seeking public comment. Why did the prior FCC treat those three differently than the Fox one? This FCC has merely put the CBS petition on the same procedural footing that the prior FCC put the Fox petition and it has made no final decision on the matter.”

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Drew is going to publish his story soon with the Gigi Sohn statement below. (b) (5)

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#### Adam Jackman

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One more follow-up:

Now that the transcript has been released, there could be an article that covers the CAR complaint against CBS News, the commission's review of the Paramount-Skydance merger and the ongoing litigation between President Trump and CBS. The piece could quote Commissioner Gomez, who issued a statement calling the new proceeding a fishing expedition and criticizing Chairman Carr for releasing information

subject to an active enforcement bureau investigation.

This article could also quote former FCC counsel and public-interest advocate Gigi Sohn, who said the chairman's effort to pressure CBS has gone beyond a legitimate review of news content under the public-interest standard and turned into a tool to push the network to soften its coverage of the president. Sohn said that "saber rattling" from the FCC is meant to scare the living daylights out of the networks — ABC, CBS and NBC — and said that Chairman Carr appears to be ripping a page from Richard Nixon's playbook.

Please let me know asap if Chairman Carr wants to respond.

On Wed, Feb 5, 2025 at 2:50 PM Drew FitzGerald <[andrew.fitzgerald@wsj.com](mailto:andrew.fitzgerald@wsj.com)> wrote:

Good Afternoon — Checking in on this request from yesterday. If the commission plans to release the transcript today, please let me know the expected timing and method of release. -Drew

On Tue, Feb 4, 2025 at 5:32 PM Drew FitzGerald <[andrew.fitzgerald@wsj.com](mailto:andrew.fitzgerald@wsj.com)> wrote:

Good Afternoon,

I expect to write an article that could mention Chairman Carr's past statements about the Paramount Global transaction with Skydance, including comments about the still-active news bias complaint against CBS News by the Center for American Rights.

The chairman sent a letter of inquiry to CBS seeking more information about its "60 Minutes" interview with Kamala Harris. He said in a recent interview that the commission would seek to be transparent in its investigation.

To that end, can you share a copy of the letter sent to CBS News parent Paramount this week? CBS also complied with the chairman's request for an unedited transcript and video of the interview. Will the commission share a copy of this transcript?

Thanks,  
Drew

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**Cc:** [Sam Pags](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Chairman Carr on Joe Pags  
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Flip me the link, and I will sign in. Gracias.

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**Subject:** Re: Chairman Carr on Joe Pags

Thank you, Adam!!

**Monica Wallace**

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**Cc:** Sam Pags <[Sam@joepags.com](mailto:Sam@joepags.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: Chairman Carr on Joe Pags

Thanks Monica,

Copying the Chairman on this so you can send the link to him directly for the hit at 4:30 ET.

Best,

**Adam Jackman**

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**From:** Monica Wallace <[Monica@joepags.com](mailto:Monica@joepags.com)>  
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**Subject:** Re: Chairman Carr on Joe Pags

Hi Adam,

We do not yet have the link available but will get it to you as soon as we do!

Our zoom is set up where the links expire within a short amount of time as we've had trouble with people connecting to same links when we're in another interview. So we typically provide them just prior to the hit.

I will shoot it over asap as soon as I receive it!  
We appreciate it!!

**Monica Wallace**

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Good afternoon Monica,

Checking in to see if you have a link yet – thanks!

Best,

**Adam Jackman**

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**From:** Adam Jackman

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Yes – we are confirmed!

Please get me the link as soon as you have it so I can provide it to the Chairman.

Also – if there is subjects you would like to flag for the interview, would appreciate that as well.

Best,

**Adam Jackman**

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**Subject:** Re: Chairman Carr on Joe Pags

Morning Adam!

Confirming that we're all set for the Chairman to join us today at 430pm ET via zoom. We will get the link over to you later this afternoon prior to the hit.

We appreciate you and looking forward to this!

Thank you again!

**Monica Wallace**

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Great! Thanks Monica!

**Adam Jackman**

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Hi Adam!

Thursday at 430ET is perfect, let's lock it in!  
We will send over a zoom link the day of.  
Should there be any connection issues, please feel free to contact me at (561) 729-6837 as backup.

Thank you so much!

**Monica Wallace**

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Hi Monica!

How does Thursday at 4:30 work for you?

Best,

**Adam Jackman**

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Good Afternoon Adam!

Checking in to see if the Chairman has some time available this week to join us tomorrow, Wednesday or Thursday at 430 or 5pm ET.

This would be a pretaped 15 minute hit via zoom.

Thank you so much!

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**Subject:** Re: Chairman Carr on Joe Pags

Thank you so much, Gregory, we appreciate it!

Hi Adam, so great to connect with you!

Please let us know if the Chairman might be available on Tuesday or Wednesday next week at 430 or 5pm ET.

Our hits are typically 15 minutes, pretaped via video Skype but I believe the Chairman prefers zoom.

Either platform works fine for us!

Thank you so much!

**Monica Wallace**

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**Subject:** RE: Chairman Carr on Joe Pags

Thanks Monica! Adam Jackman (copied) on our team is now the best POC for booking inquiries. He'll take charge of processing the request from here.

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**Subject:** Chairman Carr on Joe Pags

Hi Gregory!

We would love to have the Chairman join us on the Joe Pags Show next week to discuss investigating radio stations leaking ICE locations and more.

Please let us know if he might be available on Tuesday or Wednesday at 430 or 5pm ET for a zoom video hit.

Thank you so much!

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**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL]: RE: Carr Backs DeSantis Call to End Cuba's Internet Blockade

Hi Greg!

Checking back on this to see if the Commissioner is available tomorrow to join us in the 4-5pm ET hour.

Thanks again!

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**To:** Greg Watson <[Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov](mailto:Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov)>; CJ McMilian <[CJ@joepags.com](mailto:CJ@joepags.com)>  
**Cc:** Sam Pags <[Sam@joepags.com](mailto:Sam@joepags.com)>; Brendan Carr <[Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov](mailto:Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL]: RE: Carr Backs DeSantis Call to End Cuba's Internet Blockade

Hi Greg!

Meant to press send on this yesterday, oops! Now for Wednesday.

We'd love to have the Commissioner join us on the Joe Pags Show tomorrow if he happens to have some time.

We could do a video Skype hit in the 4-5pm ET hour if that works for him.

Thank you!

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**From:** Greg Watson <[Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov](mailto:Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov)>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 4, 2024 2:13:50 PM  
**To:** CJ McMilian <[CJ@joepags.com](mailto:CJ@joepags.com)>  
**Cc:** Sam Pags <[Sam@joepags.com](mailto:Sam@joepags.com)>; Brendan Carr <[Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov](mailto:Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov)>; Monica Wallace <[Monica@joepags.com](mailto:Monica@joepags.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL]: RE: Carr Backs DeSantis Call to End Cuba's Internet Blockade

Great—thanks all!

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**From:** CJ McMilian <[CJ@joepags.com](mailto:CJ@joepags.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 4, 2024 12:53 PM  
**To:** Greg Watson <[Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov](mailto:Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov)>  
**Cc:** Sam Pags <[Sam@joepags.com](mailto:Sam@joepags.com)>; Brendan Carr <[Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov](mailto:Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov)>; Monica Wallace <[Monica@joepags.com](mailto:Monica@joepags.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL]: RE: Carr Backs DeSantis Call to End Cuba's Internet Blockade

Hello Gregory!

Had another great interview with the Commissioner this week on the Joe Pags Show! Here is the link to the video interview to watch and share on any social media platforms:

<https://rumble.com/v5hen82-why-is-the-fcc-fast-tracking-soros-buying-stations.html>

Thank you,

**CJ McMilian**

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**From:** Monica Wallace <[Monica@joepags.com](mailto:Monica@joepags.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 2, 2024 4:32 PM  
**To:** Greg Watson <[Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov](mailto:Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov)>; CJ McMilian <[CJ@joepags.com](mailto:CJ@joepags.com)>  
**Cc:** Sam Pags <[Sam@joepags.com](mailto:Sam@joepags.com)>; Brendan Carr <[Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov](mailto:Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL]: RE: Carr Backs DeSantis Call to End Cuba's Internet Blockade

Hi Gregory!

We would love to have the Commissioner join us in the program tomorrow if he has a quick 15 minutes to discuss the purchase of the radio stations.  
Does he possibly have some time in the 4-5pm ET hour?  
Let me know if this might work and we'll lock it in.  
Thank you!!

**Monica Wallace**

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**From:** Greg Watson <[Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov](mailto:Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 28, 2024 10:01:43 AM  
**To:** CJ McMilian <[CJ@joepags.com](mailto:CJ@joepags.com)>  
**Cc:** Sam Pags <[Sam@joepags.com](mailto:Sam@joepags.com)>; Monica Wallace <[Monica@joepags.com](mailto:Monica@joepags.com)>; Brendan Carr <[Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov](mailto:Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL]: RE: Carr Backs DeSantis Call to End Cuba's Internet Blockade

Great! Enjoyed it as always. Thank you!

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**From:** CJ McMilian <[CJ@joepags.com](mailto:CJ@joepags.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 28, 2024 9:47 AM

**To:** Greg Watson <[Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov](mailto:Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov)>  
**Cc:** Sam Pags <[Sam@joepags.com](mailto:Sam@joepags.com)>; Monica Wallace <[Monica@joepags.com](mailto:Monica@joepags.com)>; Brendan Carr <[Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov](mailto:Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL]: RE: Carr Backs DeSantis Call to End Cuba's Internet Blockade

Hi Greg!

Thank you as always, for your assistance in having FCC Commissioner Brendan Carr join us on the Joe Pags Show!

Here is a link to the video interview to view and share on any social media platforms:  
<https://rumble.com/v5coymb-misinformation-is-the-new-misinformation.html>

Thanks,

**CJ McMilian**

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**From:** Sam Pags <[Sam@joepags.com](mailto:Sam@joepags.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 28, 2024 9:42 AM  
**To:** CJ McMilian <[CJ@joepags.com](mailto:CJ@joepags.com)>  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL]: RE: Carr Backs DeSantis Call to End Cuba's Internet Blockade

**Sam Pags**

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**From:** Greg Watson <[Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov](mailto:Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 27, 2024 3:20 PM  
**To:** Monica Wallace <[Monica@joepags.com](mailto:Monica@joepags.com)>; Sam Pags <[Sam@joepags.com](mailto:Sam@joepags.com)>; Brendan Carr <[Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov](mailto:Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL]: RE: Carr Backs DeSantis Call to End Cuba's Internet Blockade

Hi Monica, I provided a Zoom link for 4:30 today. Here's Carr's skype id if helpful: (b) (6)

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**From:** Monica Wallace <[Monica@joepags.com](mailto:Monica@joepags.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 26, 2024 1:21 PM  
**To:** Greg Watson <[Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov](mailto:Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov)>; Sam Pags <[Sam@joepags.com](mailto:Sam@joepags.com)>; Brendan Carr <[Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov](mailto:Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL]: RE: Carr Backs DeSantis Call to End Cuba's Internet Blockade

Excellent!

Thanks so much for the info, love this topic.

Let's do 430pm ET tomorrow, we will send over the zoom link as soon as it's available tomorrow.

Thank you again!

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**From:** Greg Watson <[Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov](mailto:Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov)>

**Sent:** Monday, August 26, 2024 1:03 PM

**To:** Monica Wallace <[Monica@joepags.com](mailto:Monica@joepags.com)>; Sam Pags <[Sam@joepags.com](mailto:Sam@joepags.com)>; Brendan Carr <[Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov](mailto:Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL]: RE: Carr Backs DeSantis Call to End Cuba's Internet Blockade

Yes! Tomorrow works. Please let us know the hit time and login information whenever it's available.

One thing the Commissioner has been focused on recently is the Biden-Harris Administration's failure to connect a single person from its signature \$42 billion connectivity program, known as BEAD. I've linked to some recent comments on this, in case it is of interest for tomorrow's hit.

<https://x.com/BrendanCarrFCC/status/1823375764437541052>

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**From:** Monica Wallace <[Monica@joepags.com](mailto:Monica@joepags.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, August 26, 2024 11:42 AM

**To:** Greg Watson <[Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov](mailto:Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov)>; Sam Pags <[Sam@joepags.com](mailto:Sam@joepags.com)>; Brendan Carr <[Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov](mailto:Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL]: RE: Carr Backs DeSantis Call to End Cuba's Internet Blockade

Hi Greg!

Is the Commissioner available tomorrow, Wednesday or Friday this week by chance?

Thank you!

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**From:** Monica Wallace <[Monica@joepags.com](mailto:Monica@joepags.com)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 20, 2024 10:45:54 AM

**To:** Greg Watson <[Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov](mailto:Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov)>; Sam Pags <[Sam@joepags.com](mailto:Sam@joepags.com)>; Brendan Carr <[Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov](mailto:Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL]: RE: Carr Backs DeSantis Call to End Cuba's Internet Blockade

Hi Greg-

That's ok, let's do something next week.

How does Tuesday or Wednesday look in the 4-5pm ET hour?

Thank you!

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**From:** Greg Watson <[Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov](mailto:Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov)>

**Sent:** Monday, August 19, 2024 4:40:36 PM

**To:** Monica Wallace <[Monica@joepags.com](mailto:Monica@joepags.com)>; Sam Pags <[Sam@joepags.com](mailto:Sam@joepags.com)>; Brendan Carr <[Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov](mailto:Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL]: RE: Carr Backs DeSantis Call to End Cuba's Internet Blockade

Sorry, Friday is no good this week either.

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**From:** Monica Wallace <[Monica@joepags.com](mailto:Monica@joepags.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 19, 2024 3:18:31 PM  
**To:** Greg Watson <[Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov](mailto:Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov)>; Sam Pags <[Sam@joepags.com](mailto:Sam@joepags.com)>; Brendan Carr <[Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov](mailto:Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL]: RE: Carr Backs DeSantis Call to End Cuba's Internet Blockade

Hi Greg,

We would love to have him today but unfortunately we are all booked up.

Any chance Friday might work?

Thank you!

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**From:** Greg Watson <[Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov](mailto:Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 19, 2024 12:07:48 PM  
**To:** Monica Wallace <[Monica@joepags.com](mailto:Monica@joepags.com)>; Sam Pags <[Sam@joepags.com](mailto:Sam@joepags.com)>; Brendan Carr <[Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov](mailto:Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL]: RE: Carr Backs DeSantis Call to End Cuba's Internet Blockade

Hi Monica – Commissioner Carr is unavailable Wednesday and Thursday. He could do today during that 4-5pm window though if it works for you?

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**From:** Monica Wallace <[Monica@joepags.com](mailto:Monica@joepags.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 19, 2024 11:14 AM  
**To:** Greg Watson <[Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov](mailto:Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov)>; Sam Pags <[Sam@joepags.com](mailto:Sam@joepags.com)>; Brendan Carr <[Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov](mailto:Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL]: RE: Carr Backs DeSantis Call to End Cuba's Internet Blockade

Hi Greg!

Checking in on this to see if the Commissioner has some time to join us this Wednesday or Thursday in the 4-5pm ET hour.  
Let me know if this might work!

Thank you!

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**From:** Monica Wallace <[Monica@joepags.com](mailto:Monica@joepags.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 15, 2024 4:24:28 PM  
**To:** Greg Watson <[Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov](mailto:Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov)>; Sam Pags <[Sam@joepags.com](mailto:Sam@joepags.com)>; Brendan Carr <[Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov](mailto:Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL]: RE: Carr Backs DeSantis Call to End Cuba's Internet Blockade

Hi Gregory!

How does next week look for the Commissioner? Possibly Tuesday or Wednesday in the 4-5pm ET hour?

Thank you!

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**From:** Greg Watson <[Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov](mailto:Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 5, 2024 6:09 PM  
**To:** Monica Wallace <[Monica@joepags.com](mailto:Monica@joepags.com)>; Sam Pags <[Sam@joepags.com](mailto:Sam@joepags.com)>; Brendan Carr

<[Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov](mailto:Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL]: RE: Carr Backs DeSantis Call to End Cuba's Internet Blockade

Hi Monica – Commissioner Carr will actually be on family vacation next week and is unavailable. Sorry we can't make it work this time.

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**From:** Monica Wallace <[Monica@joepags.com](mailto:Monica@joepags.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, August 5, 2024 3:17 PM

**To:** Greg Watson <[Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov](mailto:Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov)>; Sam Pags <[Sam@joepags.com](mailto:Sam@joepags.com)>; Brendan Carr <[Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov](mailto:Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL]: RE: Carr Backs DeSantis Call to End Cuba's Internet Blockade

Hi Gregory!

We'd love to have the Commissioner join us on the program next week for a zoom video hit. Is he available possibly Monday or Wednesday in the 4-5pmET hour? Let me know if this might work and we'll lock it in!

Thank you!

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**From:** Monica Wallace <[Monica@joepags.com](mailto:Monica@joepags.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2024 4:55 PM

**To:** [Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov](mailto:Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov) <[Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov](mailto:Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov)>; Gregory A. Watson <[Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov](mailto:Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov)>; Sam Pags <[Sam@joepags.com](mailto:Sam@joepags.com)>

**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL]: RE: Carr Backs DeSantis Call to End Cuba's Internet Blockade

Thank you so much for joining us on the program last week, great interview as always.

Here's the link to the segment to view and share. Feel free to tag Joe when sharing @joetalkshow.

Thank you again!

<https://rumble.com/v4pbadl-the-power-and-control-grab-from-dc-hits-the-internet-again.html>

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**From:** Monica Wallace <[Monica@joepags.com](mailto:Monica@joepags.com)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 10, 2024 2:52:10 PM

**To:** Greg Watson <[Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov](mailto:Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov)>; Sam Pags <[Sam@joepags.com](mailto:Sam@joepags.com)>

**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL]: RE: Carr Backs DeSantis Call to End Cuba's Internet Blockade

Hi Greg!

Yes, we are all set for Friday!

Thank you!

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**From:** Greg Watson <[Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov](mailto:Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 9, 2024 3:15:57 PM

**To:** Monica Wallace <[Monica@joepags.com](mailto:Monica@joepags.com)>

**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL]: RE: Carr Backs DeSantis Call to End Cuba's Internet Blockade

Hi Monica – sorry for the delay here, I've been out dealing with some personal matters recently. I understand this is now confirmed for Friday. Glad we were able to make it work.

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**From:** Monica Wallace <[Monica@joepags.com](mailto:Monica@joepags.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, April 8, 2024 12:22 PM

**To:** Greg Watson <[Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov](mailto:Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov)>; Drema Johnson <[Drema.Johnson@fcc.gov](mailto:Drema.Johnson@fcc.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL]: RE: Carr Backs DeSantis Call to End Cuba's Internet Blockade

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Hey Gregory!

Wed love to get the commissioner on the schedule for this week, if possible. Does he have some time on Friday at 430 or 5pm ET?

Thank you!

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**From:** Monica Wallace <[Monica@joepags.com](mailto:Monica@joepags.com)>

**Sent:** Friday, April 5, 2024 11:38:49 AM

**To:** Gregory A. Watson <[Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov](mailto:Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov)>; Drema Johnson <[Drema.Johnson@fcc.gov](mailto:Drema.Johnson@fcc.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL]: RE: Carr Backs DeSantis Call to End Cuba's Internet Blockade

Good Morning Gregory-

We'd like to set something up for the Commissioner to join us on the program next week on the FCC announcing they'll vote on 4/25 Re: Title II regs.

We have time on Thursday at 4 or 430ET or Friday at 4 or 5pm ET. Let me know if one of these days works and we'll get it locked in!

Thank you!

**Monica Wallace**

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**From:** Monica Wallace <[Monica@joepags.com](mailto:Monica@joepags.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 22, 2024 5:40:41 PM  
**To:** Gregory A. Watson <[Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov](mailto:Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov)>; Drema Johnson <[Drema.Johnson@fcc.gov](mailto:Drema.Johnson@fcc.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL]: RE: Carr Backs DeSantis Call to End Cuba's Internet Blockade

Hi Gregory-

Thanks so much for getting back.  
Could we possibly set something onto next Tuesday or Wednesday during that hour?

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**From:** Gregory A. Watson <[Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov](mailto:Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 22, 2024 5:35:36 PM  
**To:** Monica Wallace <[Monica@joepags.com](mailto:Monica@joepags.com)>; Drema Johnson <[Drema.Johnson@fcc.gov](mailto:Drema.Johnson@fcc.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL]: RE: Carr Backs DeSantis Call to End Cuba's Internet Blockade

Hey Monica –

Thanks for your interest on this. Unfortunately Commissioner Carr is unavailable tomorrow as he returning from an international work trip.

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**From:** Monica Wallace <[Monica@joepags.com](mailto:Monica@joepags.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 22, 2024 5:14 PM  
**To:** Drema Johnson <[Drema.Johnson@fcc.gov](mailto:Drema.Johnson@fcc.gov)>

**Cc:** Gregory A. Watson <[Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov](mailto:Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL]: RE: Carr Backs DeSantis Call to End Cuba's Internet Blockade

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Hi Drema-Hope all is well!

We'd love to have the Commissioner join us on the program tomorrow to discuss the FCC ordering broadcasters to have a race and gender scorecard as well as the CCP trying to gain tech high ground over us.

Any chance he has some time in the 4-5pm ET hour for a quick video Skype hit?

Thank you!

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**From:** Monica Wallace <[Monica@joepags.com](mailto:Monica@joepags.com)>

**Sent:** Thursday, November 16, 2023 12:33:17 PM

**To:** Drema Johnson <[Drema.Johnson@fcc.gov](mailto:Drema.Johnson@fcc.gov)>

**Cc:** Gregory A. Watson <[Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov](mailto:Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL]: RE: Carr Backs DeSantis Call to End Cuba's Internet Blockade

Hi Drema!

We are confirmed for 430pm ET today via video Skype.

The Commissioner texted this morning and requested we move to 430ET.

We're looking forward to seeing him then!

Thank you!

**Monica Wallace**

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**From:** Drema Johnson <[Drema.Johnson@fcc.gov](mailto:Drema.Johnson@fcc.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 16, 2023 8:16:56 AM  
**To:** Monica Wallace <[Monica@joepags.com](mailto:Monica@joepags.com)>  
**Cc:** Gregory A. Watson <[Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov](mailto:Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL]: RE: Carr Backs DeSantis Call to End Cuba's Internet Blockade

Hi Monica

Commissioner Carr is looking forward to the interview today at 4pm. His skype address is (b) (6)  
Please confirm that you have received this information. Thanks, Drema

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**From:** Drema Johnson <[Drema.Johnson@fcc.gov](mailto:Drema.Johnson@fcc.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 15, 2023 7:17 PM  
**To:** Monica Wallace <[Monica@joepags.com](mailto:Monica@joepags.com)>  
**Cc:** Drema Johnson <[Drema.Johnson@fcc.gov](mailto:Drema.Johnson@fcc.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL]: RE: Carr Backs DeSantis Call to End Cuba's Internet Blockade

Hi Monica

Commissioner Carr is a yes via Skype- let's email in the morning to confirm on your end -thanks!  
Drema

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**From:** "Monica Wallace" <[Monica@joepags.com](mailto:Monica@joepags.com)>  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 4:45:58 PM  
**To:** "Drema Johnson" <[Drema.Johnson@fcc.gov](mailto:Drema.Johnson@fcc.gov)>, "Sam Pags" <[Sam@joepags.com](mailto:Sam@joepags.com)>, "Gregory A. Watson" <[Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov](mailto:Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov)>, "Brendan Carr" <[Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov](mailto:Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL]: RE: Carr Backs DeSantis Call to End Cuba's Internet Blockade

Hi Drema!

Just circling back on this to see if the Commissioner might be able to join us tomorrow on this.  
We have some time at 4 or 4:30pm ET for a 15 minute video Skype hit.  
Let me know if this could work!

Thank you again!

**Monica Wallace**

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**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL]: RE: Carr Backs DeSantis Call to End Cuba's Internet Blockade

Hey Drema, how are you?

We'd love to have Commissioner Carr join us this week on the program to discuss Biden trying to regulate the internet.

Any chance he might be able to join us tomorrow at 4 or 430pm ET for a video Skype hit?

Thank you so much!

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**Cc:** CJ McMilian <[CJ@joepags.com](mailto:CJ@joepags.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL]: RE: Carr Backs DeSantis Call to End Cuba's Internet Blockade

Hi Drema-

Perfect, thank you so much!

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**Cc:** CJ McMilian <[CJ@joepags.com](mailto:CJ@joepags.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL]: RE: Carr Backs DeSantis Call to End Cuba's Internet Blockade

Hi Monica

Please disregard the email I sent earlier – Commissioner Carr is good for 4:00pm for 15 minutes.  
Thanks! Drema

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**From:** Drema Johnson  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 4, 2023 8:44 AM  
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**Cc:** CJ McMilian <[CJ@joepags.com](mailto:CJ@joepags.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL]: RE: Carr Backs DeSantis Call to End Cuba's Internet Blockade

Hi Monica

Is there any way that we can move Commissioner Carr's hit to 4:30pm? Thanks! Drema

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**From:** "Monica Wallace" <[Monica@joepags.com](mailto:Monica@joepags.com)>  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 1:51:06 PM  
**To:** "Drema Johnson" <[Drema.Johnson@fcc.gov](mailto:Drema.Johnson@fcc.gov)>, "Sam Pags" <[Sam@joepags.com](mailto:Sam@joepags.com)>, "Gregory A. Watson" <[Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov](mailto:Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov)>  
**Cc:** "CJ McMilian" <[CJ@joepags.com](mailto:CJ@joepags.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL]: RE: Carr Backs DeSantis Call to End Cuba's Internet Blockade

Wonderful! If 4pm ET works for him, let's lock that in.

We'll connect just a few moments prior for a quick tech check via Skype.

Thank you, Drema!

**Monica Wallace**Booking Producer | The Joe Pags Show

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**From:** Drema Johnson <[Drema.Johnson@fcc.gov](mailto:Drema.Johnson@fcc.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 3, 2023 1:35:45 PM  
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**Cc:** CJ McMilian <[CJ@joepags.com](mailto:CJ@joepags.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL]: RE: Carr Backs DeSantis Call to End Cuba's Internet Blockade

Hi Monica

Commissioner Carr would be delighted to join The Joe Pags Show tomorrow, Oct 4 in the 4-5 hour via Skype. Will you confirm the exact time for the hit? His Skype (as you remember) is

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Thanks! Drema

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**From:** Monica Wallace <[Monica@joepags.com](mailto:Monica@joepags.com)>  
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**Cc:** CJ McMilian <[CJ@joepags.com](mailto:CJ@joepags.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL]: RE: Carr Backs DeSantis Call to End Cuba's Internet Blockade

Hey Drema!

We'd love to have the Commissioner join us on the program this week to discuss net neutrality.

Does he have some time to join tomorrow in the 4-5pm ET hour for a 15 minute video Skype hit?

Thank you!

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**From:** Drema Johnson <[Drema.Johnson@fcc.gov](mailto:Drema.Johnson@fcc.gov)>  
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**Cc:** CJ McMilian <[CJ@joepags.com](mailto:CJ@joepags.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL]: RE: Carr Backs DeSantis Call to End Cuba's Internet Blockade

Hi Monica

Thank you so much for reaching out to Commissioner Carr for an interview today. Unfortunately, he is not available – please keep him in mind for the future. Thanks, Drema

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**Cc:** CJ McMilian <[CJ@joepags.com](mailto:CJ@joepags.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL]: RE: Carr Backs DeSantis Call to End Cuba's Internet Blockade

Good Morning!

We'd love to have Brendan Carr join us on the Joe Pags Show today, if he's available, to discuss the tik tok ban in Montana.

Any chance he might have 15 mins for a video Skype hit in the 4-5pm ET hour today?

Thank you so much!

Monica Wallace  
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**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL]: RE: Carr Backs DeSantis Call to End Cuba's Internet Blockade

Confirmed!! Thank you so much, Drema & Greg! So looking forward to this.

Sam Pags  
Producer | The Joe Pags Show  
Please excuse any typos. Fat fingers on little phone.

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Hi Sam  
Confirming interview today?

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Hi Sam  
Confirming interview at 4:30pm tomorrow, Our Skype name is live:.cid.7c66ef1b2f643cd  
Thanks Drema

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**From:** Gregory A. Watson <[Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov](mailto:Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov)>

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**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL]: RE: Carr Backs DeSantis Call to End Cuba's Internet Blockade

4:30 tomorrow works for Commissioner Carr. If you can report back here with the Skype link and any other instructions, Drema will drop everything on his calendar. Thank you!

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**Date:** Monday, April 25, 2022 at 7:47 PM  
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Thank you!!

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**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL]: RE: Carr Backs DeSantis Call to End Cuba's Internet Blockade

Great. Checking in with Commissioner. Should be able to confirm availability by tonight.

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**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL]: RE: Carr Backs DeSantis Call to End Cuba's Internet Blockade

Yes – Joe wants to talk twitter take over, section 230, Biden admin today saying they are concerned about big media.. etc. Brendan reached out to Joe with a story on apple as well – I don't have the link handy, but we can go there too.

Let me know!!  
Sam

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Can you please provide the topic(s) you'd like to discuss? In the meantime, happy to start running it through our scheduling process.

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**Date:** Monday, April 25, 2022 at 6:56 PM  
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**Cc:** Monica Wallace <[Monica@joepags.com](mailto:Monica@joepags.com)>, CJ McMilian <[CJ@joepags.com](mailto:CJ@joepags.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL]: RE: Carr Backs DeSantis Call to End Cuba's Internet Blockade

Great! We'd love to book him for a 15 skype video segment tomorrow at 4:30p OR 5p ET. Let me know if we can lock it in!

Thank you!  
Sam

**Sam Pags**

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**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL]: RE: Carr Backs DeSantis Call to End Cuba's Internet Blockade

Sure, happy to help!

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**Date:** Monday, April 25, 2022 at 3:25 PM  
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**Cc:** Monica Wallace <[Monica@joepags.com](mailto:Monica@joepags.com)>, CJ McMilian <[CJ@joepags.com](mailto:CJ@joepags.com)>  
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Hey Greg – are you still the point of contact to book Brendan? Looking to book something this week with him.

Thanks!!  
Sam

**Sam Pags**

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**Subject:** Carr Backs DeSantis Call to End Cuba's Internet Blockade

Greetings –

Commissioner Carr released the attached statement in support of Gov. DeSantis's request to the Biden Administration to help end Cuba's Internet blockade.

**Carr Backs Governor DeSantis Call to End Cuba's Internet Blockade**

*Biden Administration Support Would Unleash American Industry to Provide Connectivity Remotely to the Cuban People*

MIAMI, FLORIDA, July 14, 2021—Today, Commissioner Brendan Carr spoke with Governor Ron DeSantis about the Governor’s call to unleash American enterprises to deliver Internet service to the Cuban people from remote locations in light of the communist regime’s Internet shutdowns. Governor DeSantis has [urged](#) the Biden Administration to provide the federal support needed for American businesses to provide this critical connectivity. Commissioner Carr issued the following statement:

“Governor DeSantis’s call for the Biden Administration to provide the necessary support for American businesses to deliver Internet service to the Cuban people is exactly right. While Cuba’s communist regime is blocking Internet access in an effort to hide their brutal crackdown on freedom, American enterprises have the technical capability to beam connectivity to the Cuban people and help power their real and ongoing struggle for life and liberty. With the backing and authorization of the federal government, these private sector innovators can get to work immediately.

“Indeed, it is imperative that the U.S. immediately expand our efforts on behalf of the Cuban people. Radio Televisión Martí, run by the U.S. Agency for Global Media, has broadcast news and information into Cuba since the 1980s. Radio Televisión Martí continues to broadcast and deliver messages of freedom to the people of Cuba. It is time to build on this model and include the delivery of Internet service.

“Internet shutdowns are increasingly becoming a tool of tyranny for authoritarian regimes across the globe. America must stand against this anti-democratic tactic and move with haste to provide Internet freedom to the Cuban people. Opposition from Havana—a regime that actively works to block Radio Televisión Martí’s signals—is expected. We must not be deterred. We should do everything in our power to ensure that the Cuban people have the power of connectivity and the ability to share their fight for freedom with the world.”

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**Greg Watson**

Policy Advisor

FCC Commissioner Brendan Carr

**From:** [Brendan Carr](#)  
**To:** [Stephanie Chambless](#)  
**Cc:** [Greg Watson](#); [Adam Candeub](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Disinfo Cloud - Revised Draft V11 3.2.25  
**Date:** Sunday, March 2, 2025 5:01:35 PM  
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Thanks all. I'm signed off on the attached redline. (b) (5)

- Brendan

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**From:** Stephanie Chambless <Stephanie.Chambless@fcc.gov>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 2, 2025 2:35 PM  
**To:** Brendan Carr <Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov>  
**Cc:** Greg Watson <Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov>; Adam Candeub <Adam.Candeub@fcc.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Disinfo Cloud - Revised Draft V11 3.2.25

Chairman,

Attached please find a clean draft with revisions accepted and page numbers confirmed. The only things missing are dates and your signature, which I'll add once you've signed off.

Stephanie

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**From:** Stephanie Chambless  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 2, 2025 11:49 AM  
**To:** Adam Candeub <Adam.Candeub@fcc.gov>; Brendan Carr <Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov>  
**Cc:** Greg Watson <Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Disinfo Cloud - Revised Draft V9 2.27.25

Adam, I'll clean this up and get you a revised copy shortly.

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**From:** Adam Candeub <[Adam.Candeub@fcc.gov](mailto:Adam.Candeub@fcc.gov)>  
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**Subject:** Re: Disinfo Cloud - Revised Draft V9 2.27.25

Thanks - two questions in attached text.

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**Subject:** Disinfo Cloud - Revised Draft V9 2.27.25

Chairman,

Please find attached a revised draft of the Disinfo Cloud letter. (b) (5)

Let us know if you have any questions!

**Stephanie Chambliss**  
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**From:** [Brendan Carr](#)  
**To:** [Benjamin Arden](#); [Erin Boone](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Draft CAR Complaint PN  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 5, 2025 12:12:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [Draft CAR Complaint PN 2.5.25-BC.docx](#)

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Slight edits. Not the best writing from me but it is mostly intentional.

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**Subject:** Re: Draft CAR Complaint PN

I think this covers it.

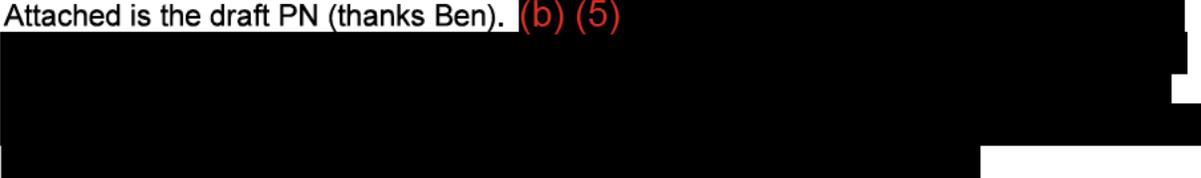
We'll have the bureau check the procedure language once you are good with the substance.

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**Cc:** Benjamin Arden <[Benjamin.Arden@fcc.gov](mailto:Benjamin.Arden@fcc.gov)>  
**Subject:** Draft CAR Complaint PN

Chairman –

Attached is the draft PN (thanks Ben). (b) (5)



Ben, anything else?

Thanks,

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**From:** [Brendan Carr](#)  
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Just minor edits from me here. Fire away.

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Erin:

Please see the attached revised draft LOI to CBS re the 60 Minutes and Face the Nation interviews. (b) (5), (b) (7)(A), (b) (7)(E)

[Redacted content]

We provide the Licensee three (3) calendar days to respond.

Let us know what you think. Thanks.

Chris

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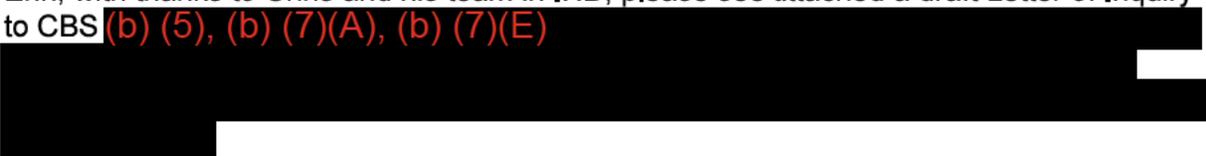
Thanks all! The quick work is very much appreciated.

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Erin, with thanks to Chris and his team in IHD, please see attached a draft Letter of Inquiry to CBS (b) (5), (b) (7)(A), (b) (7)(E)



We look forward to your thoughts.

Thanks.

Patrick

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Here you go. I have nits but I can add them later if you have edits.

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Thanks all! The quick work is very much appreciated.

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**To:** [Erin Boone](#)  
**Cc:** [Benjamin Arden](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Draft LOI  
**Date:** Monday, February 3, 2025 4:20:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [San Jose ICE Agent doxxing LOI-BC.docx](#)

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Edited version from me. Let's run it through the EB traps with a goal of getting it out the door sometime tomorrow. Ben, feel free to weigh in with edits or with anything else.

- Brendan

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**Cc:** Benjamin Arden <Benjamin.Arden@fcc.gov>  
**Subject:** Draft LOI

Chairman –

I believe this is what you had in mind for an LOI addressing the ICE agent reports. Happy to discuss.

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**To:** [Arpan Sura](#); [Callie Coker](#)  
**Cc:** [Danielle Thumann](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Flood Plains  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 28, 2025 11:55:00 AM  
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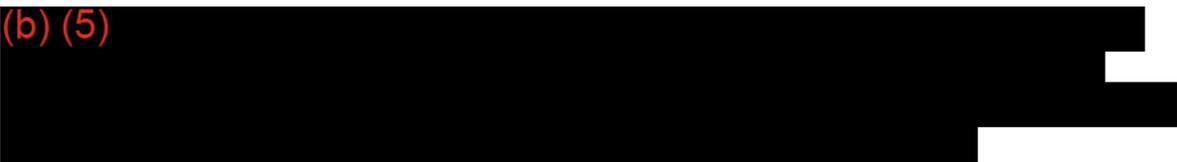
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Thanks. Create a clean, final and have OMR fire it away and post to the website. I don't need to see it again.

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Looks good. (b) (5)

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**Subject:** RE: Pressers for MTEs and Flood Plains

I'd like to get the MTE out by 4:00. See what you think of this version.

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**Subject:** Pressers for MTEs and Flood Plains

Chairman Carr and Greg,

Attached are the draft press releases announcing the removal of the MTE and Flood Plains items from circulation.

Greg, please note this is the OMR template and differs from the one you use.

Thanks,  
**Callie Coker**  
Legal Advisor  
Office of FCC Chairman Brendan Carr  
[Callie.Coker@fcc.gov](mailto:Callie.Coker@fcc.gov)

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**From:** [Brendan Carr](#)  
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**Cc:** [Benjamin Arden](#)  
**Subject:** RE: NPR and CBS letter  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 28, 2025 6:48:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [Draft NCE Advertising Letter V2-BC.docx](#)

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**To:** Brendan Carr <Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov>  
**Cc:** Benjamin Arden <Benjamin.Arden@fcc.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: NPR and CBS letter

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Attached is the revised letter you requested. Thanks again to Ben for his great work.

Thanks,

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Attached is a draft letter to NPR and PBS re commercial ads. Thanks to Ben.

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**Cc:** [Will Wiquist](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Press inquiries for 1/23 (p.m.)  
**Date:** Friday, January 24, 2025 9:23:00 AM

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A few more came in since my last email.

**The Telegraph (urgent deadline-he called me to make sure we saw it)**

**Inquiry:** We plan to run a story today revealing that the Office for Workplace Diversity is considering rebranding to avoid Donald Trump's EDI clampdown. According to a source there, the office is planning to move away from DEI and shift to EEO following the President's executive order. It appears to be an effort to disguise the diversity program by using other coded language, which the new administration has encouraged employees to report. For the sake of accuracy, could you please comment on these claims and clarify if the office will be shut down in wake of the President's clampdown.

**Inquiry:** (b) (5)

**Radio + Television Business Report**

**Inquiry:** We have been unable to receive a Daily Digest since Friday, January 17. Is the Carr Commission no longer distributing this with the change in leadership?

**KY3 (deadline 4 p.m. today)**

**Inquiry:** I'm doing a story about a customer who for months was charged for internet service after she canceled. She filed an FCC complaint and the issue was resolved. I'm looking for stats I can include in this story. How many complaints does FCC receive about internet/phone/cable companies per year? How many complaints were filed in 2024 about Cable America/Spotlight? What happens/what could happen when the FCC receives a high number of complaints for a specific company?

OMR rec: (b) (5)

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**Subject:** Press inquiries for 1/23 (a.m.)

Hi Greg:

Some of these came in late yesterday/first thing this morning. (b) (5)

### Communications Daily

**Inquiry:** A lot of attorneys have been asking me about the daily digest. Is there a reason there hasn't been a daily digest this week? Is it going to come back? Any information you could provide would be great.

OMR Rec: (b) (5)

### TR Daily

**Inquiry:** Can you tell us why there has been no Daily Digest this week?

OMR Rec: (b) (5)

### ARS Technica

**Inquiry:** Following up on news distortion complaints. I have one question on the process here. There's an [FCC rule](#) that says, "The Commission may, on its own motion, set aside any action made or taken by it within 30 days from the date of public notice of such action, as that date is defined in § 1.4(b) of these rules." Does that rule apply here? And if the previous administration's actions had been taken more than 30 days ago, would there have been a way for the FCC to reverse the decisions?

### Communications Daily

**Inquiry:** Does the FCC have any comment on Sen. Kennedy's call yesterday for the commission to "revisit" the September order granting Audacy's request for a temporary waiver of foreign-ownership requirements to complete a bankruptcy restructuring?

Note: (b) (5)

**Communications Daily** (Deadline 4:30 p.m. today)

**Inquiry:** I'm working on a story to run in tonight's edition looking at the number of notifications the FCC has received so far in January from RDOF Phase I recipients about falling short of the 40% buildout milestone. Broadband expert types are telling me the relative few such notifications the agency has received is pretty good news.

Does the agency have any thoughts at all on how the pace of Phase 1 buildouts seems to be going so far. How much leeway does it have when it comes to penalizing companies that are doing a Phase 1 buildout but fell short of the 40% milestone as of the end of the year, and does it anticipate heavily or lightly penalizing such firms?

OMR Rec: Given (b) (5)

### **Law360**

**Inquiry:** Hi could we get any comment from Chairman Carr re: reinstatement of ABC, CBS, NBC broadcast complaints?

### **Real Estate News**

**Inquiry:** I'm working on a story reminding readers about the upcoming changes to the TCPA that includes the one-to-one consent rule that is scheduled to take effect on Jan. 27.

I wanted to check in with you to make sure that is still going into effect. I saw an executive order from President Trump directing agencies to freeze new regulations pending review and wasn't sure if that applied to the one-to-one consent rule. Is that the case?

OMR Rec: (b) (5)

### **Mother Jones** (Deadline 5 p.m. today)

**Inquiry:** Reaching out to get some more info on the FCC's newly [announced](#) MOU with the National DV hotline. Do you expect this partnership will persist in light of the new administration or will it be cut? If it will persist, when do you expect to have deliverables available?

OMR Rec: (b) (5)

Katie

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Give me a buzz to chat through this one:

(c) (b) (6)

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Inquiry: We plan to run a story today revealing that the Office for Workplace Diversity is considering rebranding to avoid Donald Trump's EDI clampdown. According to a source there, the office is planning to move away from DEI and shift to EEO following the President's executive order. It appears to be an effort to disguise the diversity program by using other coded language, which the new administration has encouraged employees to report. For the sake of accuracy, could you please comment on these claims and clarify if the office will be shut down in

wake of the President's clampdown.

Inquiry: (b) (5)

### Radio + Television Business Report

Inquiry: (b) (5)

### KY3 (deadline 4 p.m. today)

Inquiry: I'm doing a story about a customer who for months was charged for internet service after she canceled. She filed an FCC complaint and the issue was resolved. I'm looking for stats I can include in this story. How many complaints does FCC receive about internet/phone/cable companies per year? How many complaints were filed in 2024 about Cable America/Spotlight? What happens/what could happen when the FCC receives a high number of complaints for a specific company?

OMR rec: (b) (5)

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**From:** Katie Gorscak

**Sent:** Thursday, January 23, 2025 11:02 AM

**To:** Greg Watson <[Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov](mailto:Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov)>

**Cc:** Will Wiquist <[Will.Wiquist@fcc.gov](mailto:Will.Wiquist@fcc.gov)>

**Subject:** Press inquiries for 1/23 (a.m.)

Hi Greg:

Some of these came in late yesterday/first thing this morning. Assuming for anything related to the news distortion/broadcast licenses questions we ignore follow-ups? Is there a plan to put out a statement from the Chairman on this?

### Communications Daily

Inquiry: A lot of attorneys have been asking me about the daily digest. Is there a reason there hasn't been a daily digest this week? Is it going to come back? Any information you could provide would be great.

OMR Rec: (b) (5)

### TR Daily

Inquiry: Can you tell us why there has been no Daily Digest this week?

OMR Rec: (b) (5)

## ARS Technica

Inquiry: Following up on news distortion complaints. I have one question on the process here. There's an [FCC rule](#) that says, "The Commission may, on its own motion, set aside any action made or taken by it within 30 days from the date of public notice of such action, as that date is defined in § 1.4(b) of these rules." Does that rule apply here? And if the previous administration's actions had been taken more than 30 days ago, would there have been a way for the FCC to reverse the decisions?

## Communications Daily

Inquiry: Does the FCC have any comment on Sen. Kennedy's call yesterday for the commission to "revisit" the September order granting Audacy's request for a temporary waiver of foreign-ownership requirements to complete a bankruptcy restructuring?

Note: (b) (5)

## Communications Daily (Deadline 4:30 p.m. today)

Inquiry: I'm working on a story to run in tonight's edition looking at the number of notifications the FCC has received so far in January from RDOF Phase I recipients about falling short of the 40% buildout milestone. Broadband expert types are telling me the relative few such notifications the agency has received is pretty good news.

Does the agency have any thoughts at all on how the pace of Phase 1 buildouts seems to be going so far. How much leeway does it have when it comes to penalizing companies that are doing a Phase 1 buildout but fell short of the 40% milestone as of the end of the year, and does it anticipate heavily or lightly penalizing such firms?

OMR Rec: (b) (5)

## Law360

Inquiry: Hi could we get any comment from Chairman Carr re: reinstatement of ABC, CBS, NBC broadcast complaints?

## Real Estate News

Inquiry: I'm working on a story reminding readers about the upcoming changes to the TCPA that includes the one-to-one consent rule that is scheduled to take effect on Jan. 27.

I wanted to check in with you to make sure that is still going into effect. I saw an executive order from President Trump directing agencies to freeze new regulations pending review and wasn't sure if that applied to the one-to-one consent rule. Is that the case?

OMR Rec: (b) (5)

**Mother Jones** (Deadline 5 p.m. today)

Inquiry: Reaching out to get some more info on the FCC's newly [announced](#) MOU with the National DV hotline. Do you expect this partnership will persist in light of the new administration or will it be cut? If it will persist, when do you expect to have deliverables available?

OMR Rec: (b) (5)

Katie

**From:** [Brendan Carr](#)  
**To:** [Adam Jackman](#)  
**Cc:** [Greg Watson](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Press Inquiries 2/19 (1st batch)  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 19, 2025 6:57:00 PM

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Changes to recs highlighted below. Thanks.

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**From:** Adam Jackman <Adam.Jackman@fcc.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 19, 2025 4:00 PM  
**To:** Brendan Carr <Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov>  
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My recommendations below:

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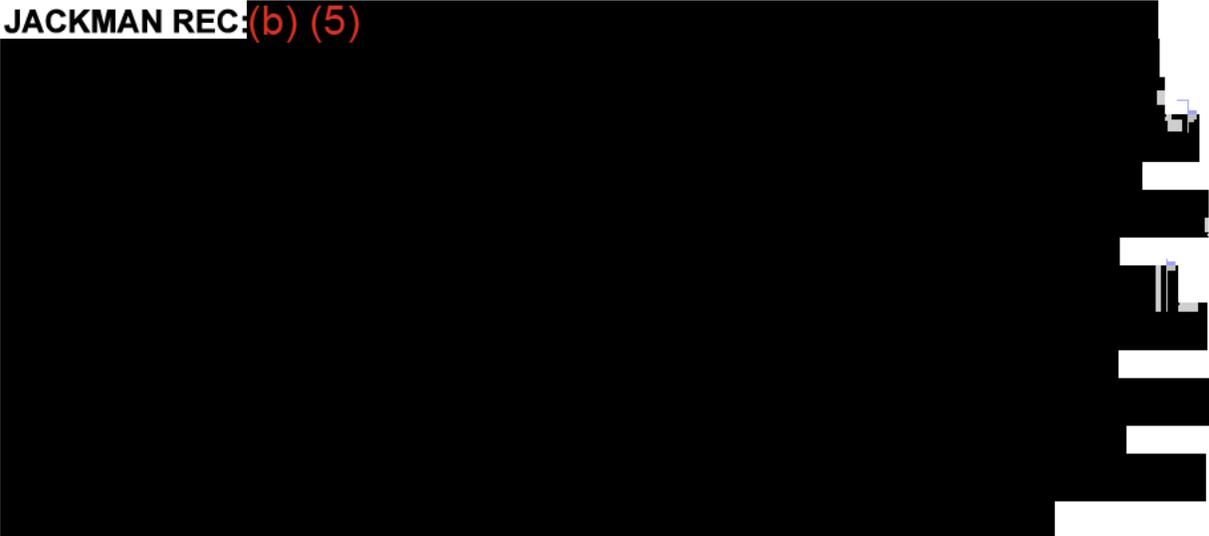
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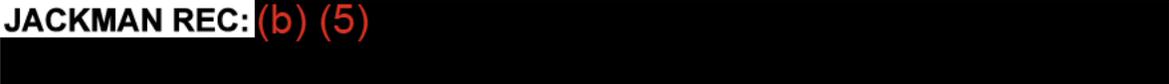
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**To:** [Callie Coker](#); [Greg Watson](#)  
**Cc:** [Danielle Thumann](#); [Arpan Sura](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Pressers for MTEs and Flood Plains  
**Date:** Monday, January 27, 2025 3:40:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [Carr Statement - MTE NPRM Pulled from Circ DRAFT-BCx.dotx](#)

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I'd like to get the MTE out by 4:00. See what you think of this version.

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**From:** Callie Coker <Callie.Coker@fcc.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 27, 2025 3:16 PM  
**To:** Brendan Carr <Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov>; Greg Watson <Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov>  
**Cc:** Danielle Thumann <Danielle.Thumann@fcc.gov>; Arpan Sura <Arpan.Sura@fcc.gov>  
**Subject:** Pressers for MTEs and Flood Plains

Chairman Carr and Greg,

Attached are the draft press releases announcing the removal of the MTE and Flood Plains items from circulation.

Greg, please note this is the OMR template and differs from the one you use.

Thanks,  
**Callie Coker**  
Legal Advisor  
Office of FCC Chairman Brendan Carr  
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**From:** [Brendan Carr](#)  
**To:** [Erin Boone](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Request for materials submitted by CBS  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 4, 2025 1:27:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
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Final from me attached. Fire away and then send me a PDF of the sent version.

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**From:** Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 4, 2025 12:19 PM  
**To:** Brendan Carr <Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Request for materials submitted by CBS

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**From:** Deena Shetler <[Deena.Shetler@fcc.gov](mailto:Deena.Shetler@fcc.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 4, 2025 12:16 PM  
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**Subject:** Request for materials submitted by CBS

Following up on my conversation yesterday with Erin, Commissioner Gomez would like copies of all the materials provided by CBS in response to the FCC/Enforcement Bureau's request related to the complaint about 60 Minutes. In addition, to the extent these materials are going to be made public, she is requesting that such materials be provided to all Commissioners at least 48 hours prior to their public release.

Thank you,

Deena

***Deena M. Shetler***

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**From:** [Brendan Carr](#)  
**To:** [Stephanie Chambless](#)  
**Cc:** [Adam Candeub](#); [Greg Watson](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Revised DSA Letter 2,25,25  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 25, 2025 9:28:47 PM  
**Attachments:** [CLEAN DRAFT DSA Letter V14 - all addresses - SC-BC.docx](#)

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Thanks all - a few more redline tweaks from me. But I am signed off on this version. It can go out tomorrow.

- Brendan

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**From:** Stephanie Chambless <Stephanie.Chambless@fcc.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 25, 2025 6:42 PM  
**To:** Brendan Carr <Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov>  
**Cc:** Adam Candeub <Adam.Candeub@fcc.gov>; Greg Watson <Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov>  
**Subject:** Revised DSA Letter 2.25.25

Chairman,

Attached please find a clean revised draft of the DSA letter.

Calling your attention to the (b) (5) [REDACTED]

Otherwise, hoping the flow is better.

**Stephanie Chambless**  
Special Counsel  
Office of the General Counsel  
Office of Chairman Brendan Carr  
Federal Communications Commission

**From:** [Brendan Carr](#)  
**To:** [Erin Boone](#); [Arpan Sura](#); [Greg Watson](#); [Danielle Thumann](#); [Scott Delacourt](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Transactions  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 12, 2025 5:45:31 PM

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**From:** Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2025 4:04 PM  
**To:** Arpan Sura <Arpan.Sura@fcc.gov>; Greg Watson <Gregory.Watson@fcc.gov>; Brendan Carr <Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov>; Danielle Thumann <Danielle.Thumann@fcc.gov>; Scott Delacourt <Scott.Delacourt@fcc.gov>  
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Here is info on Paramount/Skydance

**Overview of Transaction:** The Redstone family, through trusts controlled by the Sumner M. Redstone National Amusements Part B General Trust and the Shari Ellin Redstone Trust (collectively, Transferors), currently control National Amusements, Inc. (NAI), the single majority shareholder of Paramount Global. Paramount holds, through various direct and indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries, 28 CBS owned-and-operated local television broadcast stations, as well as one Class A television broadcast station, and two low-power television translator stations. Pursuant to the terms of a Transaction Agreement dated July 7, 2024, the Transferees seek to transfer control to various Pinnacle Media entities controlled by the Ellison family, as well as RB Tentpole, LP (Redbird) (collectively, Transferees). The Pinnacle Media entities would be NAI's majority shareholder, and expected to hold an approximately 77.5 percent voting and equity interest.

**Initial Application:** On September 6, 2024, the Commission accepted for filing applications proposing to transfer control from the Transferors to the Transferees. The Application indicated that because Transferees do not currently hold an attributable interest in any broadcast television station, following consummation of the Transaction, New Paramount will have a national audience reach of 24.28 percent, well below the 39 percent limit, and a national audience reach of 37.39 percent without giving effect to the UHF discount. The Applicants seek a continuing "satellite" exception to the multiple ownership rules in the Minneapolis, Minnesota market, but no other waivers.

**First Public Notice:** The Media Bureau issued a Public Notice on September 6, 2024, establishing a permit-but-*ex parte* status for the proceeding, and setting the deadline for petitions to deny on October 7, 2024, with Oppositions due October 22, 2024, and Replies on November 1, 2024 .

**Revised Application:** On October 30, 2024, the Applicants filed a restatement of certain exhibits to the initial Application's Comprehensive Exhibit. The Applicants explained that the purpose of these amendments is "to reflect David Ellison's role as sole manager of Hikouki, LLC, Furaito, LLC, and Aozora, LLC, entities through which the Ellison Family will own and control NAI and New Paramount upon the closing of the Transaction. As sole manager of these entities, David Ellison will hold 100 percent of the Ellison Family's voting interests in NAI and New Paramount, in addition to serving as New Paramount's Chairman and CEO."

**Second Public Notice:** On November 15, 2024, the Commission issue a second Public Notice, setting a new deadline for petitions to deny of December 16, 2024, with Oppositions due January 2, 2025, and . Replies on January 13, 2025. The Public Notice explained that

the amendments to the Applications qualify as major amendments that warrant a further pleading cycle under the Commission's rules, because the amendments propose that David Ellison will hold voting control over the corporate entities that ultimately control the Licensees.

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For tomorrow, here is some basic status info on the three major deals.

*SES-Intelsat (SB Docket Number 24-267)*

- Applicants
  - SES operates a fleet of 43 GSO and 26 high-throughput, low-latency satellites in medium Earth orbit (MEO), primarily in the C-, Ku- and Ka-bands. SES offers satellite capacity, products and services to media, government, mobility, and enterprise customers around the world.
  - Intelsat operates a fleet of 57 GSO satellites that provide diversified communications services to media companies, telecommunications operators, commercial aviation, and Internet service providers, as well as the U.S. Government.
- Key events
  - 5/1/24 – share purchase agreement entered
  - 5/30/24 – FCC application filed
  - 8/29/24 – FCC application PN seeks comment on the transaction
  - 9/18/24 – DOJ requests that the FCC refer the Application to Team Telecom
  - 10/3/24 – DOJ requests that the FCC defer action until the Team Telecom concludes its review
  - 10/25/24 – FCC comment/reply pleading cycle closes. The Commission received three comments (ITSO; Eutelsat; and NCTA), the Applicants' consolidated response, two replies from commenters (NAB, Eutelsat), and two replies by the Applicants.
  - 1/13/25 – FCC requests information from applicants. The bulk of Applicant

response arrived on 2/3/25.

- 3/12/25 – Team Telecom formally informs the FCC that its 120-day initial review has begun.
- Day 180 of the informal shot clock was 2/25/25.
- (b) (5) [REDACTED]

Verizon-Frontier (WC Docket Number 24-445)

- Overview of deal:
  - The transaction covers most of the Frontier territories that Verizon sold to Frontier in prior transactions.
  - The majority of the Frontier Licensees to be transferred are currently ETCs and will continue to be ETCs post-transaction. Certain of the Licensees currently receive universal service high-cost support.
  - Frontier offers a range of communications services including data and Internet services, voice services, and video services. (b) (5) [REDACTED]
- Key events:
  - 9/4/24 – merger agreement signed
  - 10/11/24 – FCC application filed
  - 11/8/24 – FCC application PN seeks comment on the transaction
  - 12/24/24 – FCC comment/reply pleading cycle closes. Comments were submitted by Intrado Life & Safety, Inc. (Intrado); Communications Workers of America (CWA); and Coalition for IP Network Transition (Coalition). Reply comments were submitted by INCOMPAS and Texliax, Inc. Frontier/Verizon submitted a joint reply to the Comments. The Coalition responded to the Frontier/Verizon Joint Reply in an ex parte filing on January 28, 2025.
  - Day 180 of the informal shot clock will be 5/7/25.
- (b) (5) [REDACTED]
- No Team Telecom referral necessary.

T-Mobile-UScellular (GN Docket No. 24-286)

- Overview of deal:
  - T-Mobile would acquire UScellular’s wireless operations and stores, all of its 4.5 million customers, and approximately 30% of its licensed spectrum.

The low- and mid-band spectrum being acquired from UScellular is in bands 600 MHz, 700 MHz A Block, PCS, AWS, and 2.5 GHz that are already supported by T-Mobile's existing radios within the UScellular footprint.

- The transaction involves the acquisition of wireless assets in 198 of 734 CMAs nationwide, covering approximately 15% of the U.S. population.
- The Applicants state that the transaction will not result in T-Mobile exceeding the spectrum aggregation screen or enhanced factor review after accounting for the planned sale of T-Mobile's 800 MHz and certain of its 3.45 GHz spectrum.
- T-Mo has filed applications for assignment of certain of its 3.45 GHz spectrum, but has not filed applications for assignment of its 800 MHz spectrum. Including the 800 MHz spectrum, T-Mobile would exceed the total spectrum screen in 43 CMAs and trigger enhanced factor review in 147 CMAs.
- The Commission's HHI screen is exceeded in 120 CMAs, including 6 Top 100 CMAs.
- Key events:
  - 9/13/24 – FCC application filed
  - 10/30/24 – Special PN issued
  - 12/27/24 – information and data requests issued
  - 1/28/25 – Pleading cycle closed. Who commented: 5 Petitions to Deny (EchoStar, Public Knowledge et al.,<sup>[1]</sup> Communications Workers of America (CWA), Rural Wireless Association (RWA), and Mark J. O'Connor and Sara F. Leibman); 11 comments in support (Center for Individual Freedom; Oregon, Kansas & Washington Farm Bureaus; League of United Latin American Citizens; U.S. Black Chambers; the Association of Women's Business Centers; the Conference of National Black Churches; StartOut; TechFreedom; American Action Forum; American Consumer Institute; and the International Center for Law & Economics); 2 comments opposing (Computer & Communications Industry Association (CCIA) and The National Wireless Independent Dealer Association); and 2 comments taking no position (AT&T and Redzone).
  - 180 day informal shot clock expires April 28, 2025.
- Current Procedural Status:
  - (b) (5) [REDACTED]
  - Team Telecom review – shot clock has not started
  - (b) (5) [REDACTED]
  - [REDACTED]

-----Original Appointment-----

**From:** Arpan Sura

**Sent:** Monday, March 10, 2025 12:47 PM

**To:** Arpan Sura; Greg Watson; Brendan Carr; Danielle Thumann; Erin Boone

**Cc:** Scott Delacourt

**Subject:** Transactions

**When:** Thursday, March 13, 2025 3:00 PM-4:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

**Where:** Microsoft Teams Meeting

**Agenda:**

1. Walk through status of major transactions currently pending
2. Approach to spectrum screen / competition
3. Approach to conditions
4. Discuss current disposition of smaller deals

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**From:** [Brendan Carr](#)  
**To:** [Erin Boone](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Video PN #2  
**Date:** Thursday, February 6, 2025 3:57:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [CBS 2.6.25 PN FINAL-BC.docx](#)

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Minor tweaks attached

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**From:** Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 6, 2025 3:43 PM  
**To:** Brendan Carr <Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov>  
**Subject:** Video PN #2

Chairman,  
Attached is the PN we will release with the video. The video is uploaded and ready to go for first thing tomorrow.

Erin Boone  
Senior Counsel – Media & Enforcement  
Office of FCC Chairman Brendan Carr  
Acting Chief, Media Bureau  
202-418-0736 | [erin.boone@fcc.gov](mailto:erin.boone@fcc.gov)

**From:** [Brendan Carr](#)  
**To:** [Scott Delacourt](#); [Greg Watson](#)  
**Subject:** transcript  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 4, 2025 2:26:00 PM

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I spoke with Jake Lewis today (b) (5)

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

- Brendan

Brendan Carr  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission

**From:** [Sara Rahmjoo](#) on behalf of [Nathan Simington](#)  
**To:** [Scott Blake Harris <sbharris@cresthill.us>](mailto:sbharris@cresthill.us)  
**Subject:** Canceled: FCBA NS panel planning call

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**From:** [Nathan Simington](#)  
**To:** [Teubl, Mark](#)  
**Cc:** [Anne Urban](#); [Daum, Mike](#); [Harris, Ike](#); "SCHIMMEL, WILLIAM N Maj USAF HAF AF/CDM"; [anton@astranav.com](mailto:anton@astranav.com)  
**Subject:** Re: Introduction: House China Select Committee <> Office of Enhanced Competition <> AstraNav  
**Date:** Thursday, April 10, 2025 5:09:26 PM

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Understanding that tomorrow might be a stretch with all the parties, I'd still like to give it a shot for virtual if possible; maybe that way we can do an in-person follow up with a tech demo?

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Commissioner Nathan Simington  
[nathan.simington@fcc.gov](mailto:nathan.simington@fcc.gov)

(b) (6)

On Thu, Apr 10, 2025 at 5:07 PM, Teubl, Mark <[mark.teubl@mail.house.gov](mailto:mark.teubl@mail.house.gov)> wrote:

Good afternoon all,

Excited to get this rolling! I am leaving the country on Sunday and won't get back until Thursday. Any chance you all are available later the following week?

Tomorrow is a possibility, but it would have to be virtual given the moving pieces with impending travel.

Best,

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Mark Teubl  
Professional Staff Member  
House Select Committee on China  
(b) (6) (cell)

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**From:** Anne Urban <[Anne.Urban@fcc.gov](mailto:Anne.Urban@fcc.gov)>

**Sent:** Thursday, April 10, 2025 4:54 PM

**To:** Nathan Simington <[Nathan.Simington@fcc.gov](mailto:Nathan.Simington@fcc.gov)>; Teubl, Mark <[Mark.Teubl@mail.house.gov](mailto:Mark.Teubl@mail.house.gov)>;  
Daum, Mike <[Mike.Daum@mail.house.gov](mailto:Mike.Daum@mail.house.gov)>; Harris, Ike <[Ike.Harris@mail.house.gov](mailto:Ike.Harris@mail.house.gov)>; 'SCHIMMEL,  
WILLIAM N Maj USAF HAF AF/CDM' (b) (6); [anton@astranav.com](mailto:anton@astranav.com)  
<[anton@astranav.com](mailto:anton@astranav.com)>

**Subject:** RE: Introduction: House China Select Committee <> Office of Enhanced Competition <> AstraNav

Happy to coordinate this meeting at the FCC office –

Commissioner Simington's availabilities are as follows:

Friday (tomorrow), April 11: after 2pm

Monday, April 14: after 12pm

Tuesday, April 15: any reasonable time

Let me know if any of these work!

Best,  
Ania Urban  
Confidential Assistant  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of Commissioner Nathan Simington

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**From:** Nathan Simington <[Nathan.Simington@fcc.gov](mailto:Nathan.Simington@fcc.gov)>

**Sent:** Thursday, April 10, 2025 12:33 PM

**To:** Teubl, Mark <[mark.teubl@mail.house.gov](mailto:mark.teubl@mail.house.gov)>; Daum, Mike <[Mike.Daum@mail.house.gov](mailto:Mike.Daum@mail.house.gov)>; Harris, Ike <[Ike.Harris@mail.house.gov](mailto:Ike.Harris@mail.house.gov)>; 'SCHIMMEL, WILLIAM N Maj USAF HAF AF/CDM' (b) (6); [anton@astranav.com](mailto:anton@astranav.com); Anne Urban <[Anne.Urban@fcc.gov](mailto:Anne.Urban@fcc.gov)>

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I'd be delighted to facilitate a meeting, but please don't let my schedule constrain you if you are able to meet sooner.

Warm regards—  
Nathan

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Commissioner Nathan Simington  
[nathan.simington@fcc.gov](mailto:nathan.simington@fcc.gov)

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**From:** [Nathan Simington](#)  
**To:** [Teubl, Mark](#); [Daum, Mike](#); [Harris, Ike](#); "SCHIMMEL, WILLIAM N Maj USAF HAF AF/CDM"; [anton@astranav.com](mailto:anton@astranav.com); [Anne Urban](#)  
**Subject:** Introduction: House China Select Committee <> Office of Enhanced Competition <> AstraNav  
**Date:** Thursday, April 10, 2025 12:32:31 PM

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**From:** [Nathan Simington](#)  
**To:** [Adam Korzeniewski](#)  
**Subject:** Discussion points for State escalation re rare earths/telecom  
**Date:** Monday, April 7, 2025 4:40:42 PM

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Hi Adam,

Here are my quick summaries re anticipated telecom effects of the embargo.

(b) (5) [Redacted]

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All best,  
Nathan

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Commissioner Nathan Simington  
[nathan.simington@fcc.gov](mailto:nathan.simington@fcc.gov)

(b) (6) [Redacted]

**Amanda Igra**

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**From:** Nathan Simington  
**Sent:** Friday, March 7, 2025 11:08 AM  
**To:** Adam Korzeniewski  
**Subject:** Accepted: Chernobyl Update 2

**From:** [Nathan Simington](#)  
**To:** [Adam Cassidy](#)  
**Cc:** [Sara Rahmjoo](#); [David Brodian](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Markey draft response (NS - (b) (5) )  
**Date:** Thursday, February 20, 2025 8:13:50 PM  
**Attachments:** [\[clean\] NS edits to Markey letter 20250220.docx](#)  
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Thanks, Adam. Edits attached.

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Commissioner Nathan Simington  
[nathan.simington@fcc.gov](mailto:nathan.simington@fcc.gov)

(b) (6)

On Thu, Feb 20, 2025 at 12:56 PM, Adam Cassidy <[Adam.Cassady@fcc.gov](mailto:Adam.Cassady@fcc.gov)> wrote:

[@Sara Rahmjoo](#) please put approval of this on M/Th reminder cadence.

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**From:** Adam Cassidy  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 18, 2025 10:18 AM  
**To:** Nathan Simington <[Nathan.Simington@fcc.gov](mailto:Nathan.Simington@fcc.gov)>  
**Cc:** David Brodian <[David.Brodian@fcc.gov](mailto:David.Brodian@fcc.gov)>; Sara Rahmjoo <[Sara.Rahmjoo@fcc.gov](mailto:Sara.Rahmjoo@fcc.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Markey draft response (NS - (b) (5) )

Bumping this to the top of your inbox for the week.

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**From:** Adam Cassidy  
**Sent:** Friday, February 14, 2025 11:52 AM  
**To:** Nathan Simington <[Nathan.Simington@fcc.gov](mailto:Nathan.Simington@fcc.gov)>  
**Cc:** David Brodian <[David.Brodian@fcc.gov](mailto:David.Brodian@fcc.gov)>; Sara Rahmjoo <[Sara.Rahmjoo@fcc.gov](mailto:Sara.Rahmjoo@fcc.gov)>  
**Subject:** Markey draft response (NS - (b) (5) )

Nathan,

Attached. FIWB.

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**From:** Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>

**To:** Scott Delacourt <Scott.Delacourt@fcc.gov>

**Subject:** RE: Candidate for Summer Internship

**Date:** Wed, 26 Feb 2025 16:30:31 +0000

**Importance:** Normal

**Attachments:** (b) (6) \_Legal\_Resume.pdf

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Here you go.

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**From:** Scott Delacourt <Scott.Delacourt@fcc.gov>

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 26, 2025 11:25 AM

**To:** Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>

**Subject:** RE: Candidate for Summer Internship

Can you send me the resume?

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**From:** Erin Boone <[Erin.Boone@fcc.gov](mailto:Erin.Boone@fcc.gov)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 26, 2025 8:19 AM

**To:** Scott Delacourt <[Scott.Delacourt@fcc.gov](mailto:Scott.Delacourt@fcc.gov)>

**Subject:** FW: Candidate for Summer Internship

Hi Scott,

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**From:** Maria Mullarkey <[Maria.Mullarkey@fcc.gov](mailto:Maria.Mullarkey@fcc.gov)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 25, 2025 4:53 PM

**To:** Erin Boone <[Erin.Boone@fcc.gov](mailto:Erin.Boone@fcc.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Candidate for Summer Internship

Hi Erin,

(b) (5), (b) (2)

Thanks! Maria

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**From:** Maria Mullarkey

**Sent:** Friday, February 21, 2025 1:08 PM

To: Erin Boone <[Erin.Boone@fcc.gov](mailto:Erin.Boone@fcc.gov)>

FCC FOIA No. 2025-000888

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**Subject:** Candidate for Summer Internship

Hi Erin,

(b) (5), (b) (2)



Thank you, Maria

Maria Mullarkey  
Chief  
Policy Division, Media Bureau  
(202) 418-1067

**From:** Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>

**To:** Danielle Thumann <Danielle.Thumann@fcc.gov>, Arpan Sura <Arpan.Sura@fcc.gov>

**Cc:** Scott Delacourt <Scott.Delacourt@fcc.gov>

**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL]: copy of local government filing in Delete, Delete

**Date:** Tue, 29 Apr 2025 18:01:33 +0000

**Importance:** Normal

**Attachments:** 2025.04.27\_Local\_Governments\_FCC\_Delete\_Docket\_Reply\_Comments-c1.pdf

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FYI. Not sure why she sent this to me.

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**From:** Cheryl Leanza <Cheryl.Leanza@bbklaw.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 29, 2025 1:22 PM

**To:** Erin Boone <Erin.Boone@fcc.gov>; Scott Delacourt <Scott.Delacourt@fcc.gov>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]: copy of local government filing in Delete, Delete

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Greetings Erin and Scott:

It's been a minute since we've been in touch, I hope you are both well. Please find attached a courtesy copy of our local government coalition's filing in the Delete, Delete docket (excluding exhibits).

Thanks very much,  
Cheryl



**[Cheryl A. Leanza](#)**

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**Before the  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In Re: Delete, Delete, Delete

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**REPLY COMMENTS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMENTERS  
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*Counsel for  
Local Government Commenters*

April 28, 2025

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Federal Communications Commission (the FCC or the Commission) should proceed with care, proposing with specificity in new rulemaking proceedings potential changes raised for consideration in this docket and worthy of consideration, placing the protection of consumers and public safety at the center of its decision making, and respecting local jurisdictions as partners in the regulation of our communications infrastructure.

Because of procedural infirmities, this docket does not meet the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA). Compliance with legal and procedural protections will not only produce outcomes that will be upheld in court but also will permit the Commission and the public to benefit from the best thinking of interested parties. Guidance adopted outside of the APA's bounds is non-binding. The "good cause" exception of the APA is extremely narrow. We urge the Commission to heed, for rules or other actions that apply to local governments, pronouncements such as Executive Order 13892, which is designed to expand protections for regulated parties. Because lack of public notice and public participation is often found to be legally infirm regardless of whether the changes are governed by the APA, the Commission should proceed with care and full public participation.

Substantively, the Commission should not pursue extending shot clocks and other rules governing local permitting and right-of-way management authority in the wireless arena to fiber deployments. Evidence has not shown that the existing rules promote deployment. Commenters encouraging shot clocks on fiber deployment have no support in statutory text. The wireless rules themselves are the subject of widespread criticism, and deservedly so.

The intense level of attention in the docket to regulation of RF emissions exposure is explained in large measure by the fact that some thirty-five years after adoption by the Commission—in the early days of wireless network deployments—the existing RF guidelines do little to quell public concerns about the safety in today’s world of ubiquitous wireless devices and antennas. The same level of intensity often finds its way to local hearings or meetings that last long into the evening or early hours of the morning, despite the prohibition on local officials’ consideration of the health and environmental effects of RF emission exposure as long as proposed facilities meet existing FCC guidelines. The Commission should heed the public’s call to institute proceedings to update its current RF guidelines.

The Commission should not deregulate federal environmental and historical reviews, but to the extent that it does, at a minimum the Commission should not preempt state and local authority to perform local environmental and historic protection reviews.

In the sphere of cable regulation, the FCC should not preempt local franchise authorities (LFAs) any further. The FCC cannot unilaterally cut LFAs out of the process of reviewing or approving transfers or acquisitions. The need to ensure a new corporate entity will be bound by and assume all responsibility for all liabilities of its predecessor is a basic contractual safeguard and the Commission cannot, and should not, abrogate it. The FCC should not, and cannot in this proceeding, adopt cable franchise renewal shot clocks. Requests to delete Public Educational and Governmental (PEG) Channels are outside of the Commission’s authority because they are permitted by statute and are constitutional. While some parties recommend the FCC eliminate its cable rate regulation rules, ironically those rules broadly interpret “effective competition” and largely remove the cable industry from rate regulation; the effective competition presumption is supported by at least one commenter that supports deregulation.

The Commission’s consumer protection rules serve as a vital foundation for ensuring fairness, transparency, and accountability within the communications industry. As the industry continues to expand and evolve, the potential for consumer harm—ranging from deceptive billing practices to data privacy breaches—has grown significantly. The Commission’s oversight is essential to mitigating these risks, upholding public trust, and ensuring equitable access to essential communication services. The Commission should not repeal the cable and satellite “all-in” pricing transparency rule, the 2023 digital discrimination rules, privacy and CPNI protections, or preempt state regulation of VoIP, and in no event should the Commission preempt local government backstops if the federal government reduces its protections.

Proposals to streamline burdens placed on E-rate program participants are worthy of consideration. Local Government Commenters caution that any 911 or outage reporting deregulation efforts should proceed with caution because outage reporting, wireless location accuracy, security, and system reliability are critical and should be improved.

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**INTRODUCTION**

Anne Arundel County, MD; City of Boston, MA; District of Columbia; City of Eugene, OR; Fairfax County, VA; City of Gaithersburg, MD; Howard County, MD; Los Angeles County, CA; Montgomery County, MD; City of Ontario, CA; City of Rye, NY and the Texas Coalition of Cities for Utility Issues (Local Government Commenters) appreciate the opportunity to participate in this docket, and its ultimate goals of ensuring that federal regulation serves important objectives without being unnecessarily burdensome. Local governments often bear the burden of unnecessary and ineffective rules and policies. The Federal Communication Commission (the FCC or the Commission) has an important role balancing the interests of industry and consumers. As former Chairman Kevin Martin explained, the FCC’s goal should be “to pursue deregulation while paying close attention to its impact on consumers and the particulars of a given market; to balance deregulation with consumer protection.”<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Kevin J. Martin, *Balancing Deregulation and Consumer Protection*, 17 CommLaw Conspectus ii (2008), <https://scholarship.law.edu/commlaw/vol17/iss1/2>.

Deregulation undertaken without care or forethought, or outside of the boundaries of the law or good policy, will not serve anyone. Local Government Commenters file in this docket to address their own interests and needs as critical partners in the nation’s communications infrastructure and emergency preparedness, as well as those of the many constituents and consumers we represent.

**I. NO RULE CHANGES CAN BE MADE IN RESPONSE TO COMMENTS IN THIS DOCKET WITHOUT FURTHER PROCEEDINGS AND THE COMMISSION SHOULD COMMIT TO PROCEDURAL BEST PRACTICES REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE APA APPLIES.**

**A. This docket does not meet Administrative Procedure Act requirements for rule changes.**

The Public Notice in this docket was not issued under standard procedures, as it has not been published in the Federal Register and offered a short reply comment cycle of 17 days—very condensed given the breadth of the inquiry and the vast range of proposals submitted in the docket.<sup>2</sup> Thus, the proceeding is infirm if the goal is to repeal binding rules issued under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA).

To change rules—either to delete or to adopt—requires adherence to the APA.<sup>3</sup> Even a minor change such as delaying effective dates is a rulemaking under the APA.<sup>4</sup> The APA and the

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<sup>2</sup> Public Notice, Delete, Delete, Delete, GN 25-133, DA 25-219 (rel. Mar. 12, 2025), <https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-opens-re-delete-delete-delete-docket>. Typically, a document issued under delegated authority would identify the Bureau or Office to whom authority was delegated. *See, e.g.*, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.5, 0.201-0.392.

<sup>3</sup> 5 U.S.C. § 553; *Encino Motorcars, LLC v. Navarro*, 579 U.S. 211, 220 (2016); *Perez v. Mortg. Bankers Ass’n*, 575 U.S. 92, 101 (2015); *Telecomms. Research & Action Ctr. v. FCC*, 800 F.2d 1181, 1186 (D.C. Cir. 1986) (“Before an agency may adopt a substantive rule, it must publish a notice of the proposed rule and provide interested persons an opportunity to comment.”).

<sup>4</sup> *Clean Water Action v. EPA*, 936 F.3d 308, 314 (5th Cir. 2019) (“modification of effective dates is itself a rulemaking”).

Commission's rules also generally bind the Commission to publication in the Federal Register.<sup>5</sup> Under those rules, notice periods relating to both "notice and comment and non-notice and comment rulemaking proceedings required by the Administrative Procedure Act" start from Federal Register publication;<sup>6</sup> effective dates for rules are upon 30 days of publication in the Federal Register, except in narrow, exceptional circumstances.<sup>7</sup> The Commission's rules direct Petitions for Declaratory Rulings, too, to be docketed and subject to public notice and comment.<sup>8</sup> Moreover, the shortness of time for replies in this docket undermines the purpose of notice and comment, which is to ensure an "exchange of views" while the FCC has an open mind, to test the proposed rule and develop evidence.<sup>9</sup> Comment periods of less than 30 days have been found deficient.<sup>10</sup> This exchange of views requires sufficient time to comment.

The FCC's attempt to short-circuit notice and comment was rejected recently by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in *League of Cal. Cities v. FCC*.<sup>11</sup> In that case, the court resoundingly rejected the FCC's argument that insufficient notice and opportunity to comment was "harmless error" when the FCC utilized a declaratory ruling process, but later defended its decision as a rulemaking because the changes adopted could not be justified

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<sup>5</sup> 5 U.S.C. § 553(b); 47 C.F.R. § 1.4(b)(1).

<sup>6</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.4(b)(1).

<sup>7</sup> *Id.*, § 1.427.

<sup>8</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.2.

<sup>9</sup> *Prometheus Radio Project v. FCC*, 652 F.3d 431, 449–50 (3rd Cir. 2011); *Time Warner Cable Inc. v. FCC*, 729 F.3d 137, 170 (2d Cir. 2013) ("[g]eneral notice that a new standard will be adopted" is insufficient) (citations omitted).

<sup>10</sup> *Nat'l Lifeline Ass'n v. FCC*, 921 F.3d 1102, 1117 (D.C. Cir. 2019) ("a 30-day comment period is generally the shortest time period sufficient for interested persons to meaningfully review a proposed rule and provide informed comment"); *Prometheus*, 652 F.3d at 453 (a week is insufficient); see also *N.Car. Growers' Ass'n, Inc. v. United Farm Workers*, 702 F.3d 755, 770 (4th Cir. 2012) (10 days insufficient for comment on rule suspension).

<sup>11</sup> 118 F.4th 995 (9th Cir. 2024).

as interpretive. The court concluded that, because “the harmless error rule threatens to ‘gut[] the APA’s procedural requirements,’ we do not find harmless error lightly,”<sup>12</sup> and in that case “finding the significant APA error to be harmless would indeed work an evisceration” of the APA’s notice and comment process.<sup>13</sup> The court explained that using such “deficient procedures deprived Petitioners of an opportunity to criticize the proffered clarifications,”<sup>14</sup> and that it would be “impossible” to claim that the result would have been “clearly” the same if Petitioners had the chance to comment on the changes.<sup>15</sup> The D.C. Circuit similarly forecast problems if the FCC dispenses with full notice and comment and incorrectly deems these failures as “harmless error.”<sup>16</sup>

**B. The APA’s good cause exception is very narrow.**

A recent Presidential Memorandum, supported by some commenters,<sup>17</sup> stated that agencies should repeal rules without notice and comment pursuant to the APA’s “good cause” exception.<sup>18</sup> That exception is exceedingly narrow and should not be used in this docket.<sup>19</sup>

The courts have rejected attempts to expand this exception beyond its limit. For example, in a case where NHTSA delayed a rule that was intended to go into effect and simultaneously

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<sup>12</sup> *Id.* at 1030 (citations omitted).

<sup>13</sup> *Id.* at 1031.

<sup>14</sup> *Id.*

<sup>15</sup> *Id.*

<sup>16</sup> *Sprint Corp. v. FCC*, 315 F.3d 369, 376-77 (D.C. Cir. 2003).

<sup>17</sup> *See, e.g.*, Comments of NCTA—The Internet & Television Association, GN Docket No. 25-133 at 2 (filed Apr. 11, 2025) (NCTA Comments).

<sup>18</sup> THE WHITE HOUSE, Presidential Actions, *Directing the Repeal of Unlawful Regulations*, Presidential Memoranda (April 9, 2025), <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/04/directing-the-repeal-of-unlawful-regulations/>.

<sup>19</sup> TechFreedom offers a useful set of criteria to consider as a limit on the good cause exception. *See* Comments of TechFreedom, GN Docket No. 25-133 at 21 (filed Apr. 11, 2025) (TechFreedom Comments).

sought comment on the extension or delay, the D.C. Circuit rejected NHTSA's use of the good cause exception.

[T]he good cause exception applies only in circumstances when notice and comment is 'impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest.' Impracticability is fact and context specific, but is generally confined to emergency situations in which a rule would respond to an immediate threat to safety, such as to air travel, or when immediate implementation of a rule might directly impact public safety.<sup>20</sup>

In fact, "since notice and comment are regarded as beneficial to the public interest, for the exception to apply, the use of notice and comment must actually harm the public interest."<sup>21</sup> Even when acting quickly to deter fraud, the FCC has been reversed for using the good cause exception beyond its bounds because "the good-cause inquiry is 'meticulous and demanding.'"<sup>22</sup> It should be "narrowly construe[d]" and "reluctantly countenance[d]."<sup>23</sup> Agency decisions of this kind are therefore reviewed *de novo*,<sup>24</sup> even before agency deference was severely limited by *Loper Bright*.<sup>25</sup>

**C. Significant limits bound Commission action outside of notice-and-comment rulemaking.**

The Commission cannot evade the APA's requirements. If the Commission does not follow full notice and comment procedures, at best it can only adopt a non-binding interpretive rule or policy guidance. Such rules "do not have the force and effect of law."<sup>26</sup> As TechFreedom

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<sup>20</sup> *NRDC v. Nat'l Highway Traffic Safety Admin.*, 894 F.3d 95, 114 (2nd Cir. 2018) (quoting 5 U.S.C. § 553(b)(4)(B)) (*NRDC*).

<sup>21</sup> *NRDC*, 894 F.3d at 114 (quoting *Mack Trucks*, 682 F.3d at 94-95).

<sup>22</sup> *Sorenson Commc'n, Inc. v. FCC*, 755 F.3d 702, 706 (D.C. Cir. 2014).

<sup>23</sup> *Sorenson*, 755 F.3d at 706 (quoting *Mack Trucks*, 682 F.3d at 93).

<sup>24</sup> *Sorenson*, 755 F.3d at 706.

<sup>25</sup> *Loper Bright Enters. v. Raimondo*, 603 U.S. 369 (2024).

<sup>26</sup> *Perez*, 575 U.S. at 103.

explains, such actions “provide informal guidance for the Commission’s approach on certain issues, and the way it operates.”<sup>27</sup> These rules are often expressly limited for that reason, using language such as, “this Policy Statement is not binding on the Commission or other parties, and it will not prevent the Commission from making a different decision.”<sup>28</sup> The Supreme Court has recently, consistent with the current trend against broad agency discretion, imposed severe constraints on an agency’s ability to reinterpret its own rules. In *Kisor v. Wilkie*, the Court listed a multi-factor test which focuses on whether the agency has acted reasonably, within a genuinely ambiguous regulatory text, using fair process, implicating the agency’s expertise and avoiding unfair surprise.<sup>29</sup>

Even if the Commission is changing non-binding guidance not subject to the APA, public notice and opportunity to participate is sound policy—and may be required as current legal trends move toward less agency discretion. As TechFreedom explained, even though in some cases prior FCC decisions to repeal non-binding guidance did not require notice, “it was wise to consult the public.”<sup>30</sup> The degree of care an agency takes strongly influences whether a court will grant the FCC deference or uphold its decision, whether pursuant to notice and comment procedures or not. For example, in *United States v. Mead Corp.*, the Supreme Court listed “the degree of the agency’s care, its consistency, formality, and relative expertness” as indicative of whether it is due deference.<sup>31</sup> Delaying or altering a rule without notice or “fair warning” has been rejected by the

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<sup>27</sup> TechFreedom Comments at 5-6.

<sup>28</sup> *Id.* (quoting *In re Principles for Promoting Efficient Use of Spectrum*, FCC 23-27, ET Docket 23-122, at 1 (Apr. 21, 2023), <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-23-27A1.pdf>).

<sup>29</sup> *Kisor v. Wilkie*, 588 U.S. 558, 574-80 (2019).

<sup>30</sup> TechFreedom Comments at 19.

<sup>31</sup> *United States v. Mead Corp.*, 533 U.S. 218, 228 (2001); TechFreedom Comments at 24-25.

courts.<sup>32</sup> Other cases limiting agency discretion—before the *Loper Bright* decision—often focus on the lack of warning or reliance interests, even when the agency is interpreting its own rules, rather than issuing new ones.<sup>33</sup> Because lack of public notice and public participation is often found to be legally infirm regardless of whether the changes are governed by the APA, the Commission should proceed with care and full public participation.

**D. Local governments impacted by agency rules should be accorded procedural safeguards as directed by this Administration.**

While industry actors often seek changes in their favor expeditiously, local governments are also sometimes treated by the Commission as regulated entities. Any party impacted by FCC rules, whether perceived as favorable or not, should be concerned that process and adherence to law are maintained—any process deficiency in one matter can easily bleed over into proceedings that may not align with a sector’s regulatory goals. TechFreedom made this point well in its comments. For this reason, we urge the Commission to heed, for rules or other actions that apply to local governments, pronouncements designed to expand protections for regulated parties.<sup>34</sup> For example, Executive Order No. 13892 states:

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<sup>32</sup> *Christopher v. SmithKline Beecham Corp.*, 567 U.S. 142, 156 (2012); TechFreedom Comments at 23 (citing *Nat’l Venture Capital Assn. v. Duke*, 291 F.Supp.3d 5, 8 (D.D.C. 2017) (the agency “gave little thought to those foreign entrepreneurs who may have already relied on the impending” final rule).

<sup>33</sup> *Kisor v. Wilkie*, 139 S. Ct. 2400, 2417-18 (2019); *Encino Motorcars, LLC v. Navarro*, 579 U.S. 211, 212 (2016) (“[I]n explaining its changed position, an agency must also be cognizant that longstanding policies may have ‘engendered serious reliance interests that must be taken into account.’”) (citation omitted).

<sup>34</sup> Exec. Order No. 13892, *Promoting the Rule of Law Through Transparency and Fairness in Civil Administrative Enforcement and Adjudication*, 84 Fed. Reg. 55,239 (2019). Executive Order No. 13892 was repealed under the Biden Administration, Executive Order 13992 *Revocation of Certain Executive Orders Concerning Federal Regulation*, 86 Fed. Reg. 7049 (2021), but revived via Executive Order No. 14148, *Initial Rescissions of Harmful Executive Orders and Actions*, 90 Fed. Reg. 8237 (2025).

- “Regulated parties must know in advance the rules by which the Federal Government will judge their actions.”
- “Guidance documents may not be used to impose new standards of conduct on persons outside the executive branch except as expressly authorized by law or as expressly incorporated into a contract.”
- “The agency may not treat noncompliance with a standard of conduct announced solely in a guidance document as itself a violation of applicable statutes or regulations.”
- “Agencies shall afford regulated parties the safeguards described in this order, above and beyond those that the courts have interpreted the Due Process Clause of the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution to impose.”

Regardless of whether this Executive Order technically applies to the FCC, its guidance takes boundaries on federal action seriously and should be a touchstone for the FCC in any actions affecting local governments and other parties.

In sum, we urge the Commission to take a cautious approach to regarding the process followed to take potential actions based on the information collected in this docket. Compliance with legal and procedural protections will not only produce outcomes more likely to be upheld in court, but also will permit the Commission and the public to benefit from the best thinking of interested parties.

In the remaining portion of the reply, we address various substantive matters raised by commenters as potential areas for action in future proceedings.

## **II. THE FCC SHOULD NOT PURSUE ADOPTION OF NEW SHOT CLOCKS OR FEE LIMITATIONS FOR BROADBAND.**

The Commission should not pursue additional restraints on local governments’ permitting and right-of-way management authority. INCOMPAS and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce urge the Commission to impose shot clocks applications to install on wireline fiber and to limit rights-

of-way use charges and siting application fees in a manner similar to the current regulation of wireless facilities under Sections 253 and 332 of the Communications Act, with the stated purpose of “streamlining” fiber permitting regulations.<sup>35</sup> Yet evidence shows that local government permitting and right-of-way management practices have no impact on broadband deployment or adoption—this proposed “streamlining” offers no tangible proof of facilitating buildout.

As local government commenters have demonstrated via extensive research and reports submitted in prior dockets relating to the Commission’s regulation of wireless infrastructure, regardless of whether one examines issues relating to deployment from an economic or engineering standpoint, permitting and right-of-way use charges do not slow down deployment.<sup>36</sup> The Commission’s extensive rules imposed on local permitting processes for wireless facilities did not result in the industry-promised expansion in buildout.<sup>37</sup> For example, internal analysis by Boston, MA indicates that, between January 2017 and April 2025, small cell providers with city license agreements made 2,633 individual location requests; 1,742 were submitted for

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<sup>35</sup> See Comments of INCOMPAS, GN Docket No. 25-133 (filed Apr. 11, 2025) at 8 (INCOMPAS Comments) (“To further enable competitive fiber builds and fixed broadband competition . . . streamlin[e] policies . . . including (1) shot clocks applicable to wireline fiber deployment applications . . . and (2) limiting rights-of-way use charges and siting application fees, consistent with Sections 253 and 332 of the Communications Act.”); Comments of U.S. Chamber of Commerce, GN Docket No. 25-133 at 5 (filed Apr. 11, 2025) (U.S. Chamber Comments).

<sup>36</sup> See Comments of National Organizations, WC Docket No. 11-59 (filed July 18, 2011); Comments of National League of Cities, *et al.*, WT Docket No. 19-250, *et al.* (filed Oct. 29, 2019) (2019 NLC *et al* Small Cell Comments). See also Attachments to these Reply Comments previously submitted to the Commission as attachments to the 2019 NLC *et al.* Small Cell Comments. Exhibit A, Kevin E. Cahill, Ph.D, ECONorthwest, *The Economics of Local Government Rights of Way Fees* (Mar. 8, 2017); Exhibit B, Columbia Telecommunications Corporation, *An Engineering Analysis of Public Rights-of-Way Processes in the Context of Network Design and Construction* (July 13, 2011); Exhibit C, ECONorthwest, *Effect of Broadband Deployment of Local Government Right of Way Fees and Practices* (July 18, 2011).

<sup>37</sup> See Comments of National Association of Counties, National League of Cities, and The United States Conference of Mayors Comments, GN Docket No. 25-133 at 1-2 (filed April 11, 2025) (NLC/NACO/USCM Comments).

grant of location approval and 1,413 were approved. Of these 1,413 approved, 1,073 requests have already been cancelled and Boston understands another 300 locations will be cancelled, meaning approximately 42 percent of all applications were actually built.

Before rushing to extend these regulations to fiber, based on assumptions about the efficacy of its existing rules, the Commission should solicit and thoroughly review additional evidence to determine whether the industry came anywhere near the massive buildout projections it used to justify limiting local governments' power,<sup>38</sup> and the reasons why. Independent assessments, for example, often did not cite permitting or other local government processes as a reason for less-than-anticipated 5G deployment.<sup>39</sup> In reality, rather than reducing deployment costs, federal

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<sup>38</sup> See *In the Matter of Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Inv.*, 33 FCC Rcd 9088, 9111-12 ¶ 47 (2018) (*Small Cell Order*):

Verizon anticipates that network densification and the upgrade to 5G will require 10 to 100 times more antenna locations than currently exist. AT&T estimates that providers will deploy hundreds of thousands of wireless facilities in the next few years alone—equal to or more than the number providers have deployed in total over the last few decades. Sprint, in turn, has announced plans to build at least 40,000 new small sites over the next few years. A report from Accenture estimates that, overall, during the next three or four years, 300,000 small cells will need to be deployed—a total that it notes is “roughly double the number of macro cells built over the last 30 years.”

(citation omitted).

<sup>39</sup> See, e.g., John Celentano, *Outdoor Small Cells Grow with Escalating Mobile Data Demand*, Inside Towers (June 28, 2024), <https://insidetowers.com/outdoor-small-cells-grow-with-escalating-mobile-data-demand/> (“[Wireless providers] found that much of the increased capacity demand could be handled from macrocells. As a consequence, the projected high-volume small cell rollout slowed or certainly has been deferred.”) (citing *Inside Towers Intelligence* quarterly market industry report); Mike Dano, *America’s 5G spending slowdown proves bigger than expected*, LightReading (Jan. 24, 2023), <https://www.lightreading.com/5g/america-s-5g-spending-slowdown-proves-bigger-than-expected> (citing providers’ completion of mid-band buildout and inventory absorption as basis for 5G slowdown, without mention of permitting costs); Ash Kreider, *Why Has the 5G Rollout in North America Been So Slow?*, iQmetrix (Jan. 4, 2023), <https://www.iqmetrix.com/blog/why-has-the-5g-rollout-in-north-america-been-so-slow> (citing primarily equipment-related issues as “Top Logistical Obstacles to 5G Deployment in North America” with no mention of permitting costs as barrier).

regulations setting rates at cost for use of state and local property not only distorts the market for placement of wireless facilities, but also complicates existing processes and imposes an enormous regulatory burden on local governments (and thus on taxpayers) to measure, aggregate, and allocate such costs, or accept very low “safe harbor” amounts. This diverts local governments’ limited resources from more productive work with providers to facilitate buildout.

Commenters encouraging shot clocks on fiber deployment<sup>40</sup> offer no support in statutory text for their proposals. Wireless shot clocks developed as an interpretation of the requirement to act within a “reasonable period” under 47 U.S.C. § 332, which applies only to personal wireless service facilities—*i.e.*, not fiber projects.<sup>41</sup> There is no language in Section 253 or elsewhere in the Communications Act that would support an expansion the of Commission’s shot clock rules to apply to fiber buildouts.

The Commission’s existing wireless rules themselves are the subject of appropriate critique in this docket.<sup>42</sup> Regardless whether the Commission desires to revisit or delete entirely its regulations governing the permitting of wireless facilities, as some commenters have suggested, it should take note of the widespread concern with encroachments on local authority lodged in this docket.<sup>43</sup> To expand wireless rules to fiber deployment would only further infringe on local

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<sup>40</sup> See INCOMPAS Comments at 8.

<sup>41</sup> See *In the Matter of Petition for Declaratory Ruling to Clarify Provisions of Section 332(c)(7)(b)*, 24 FCC Rcd 13994, 14000 ¶ 19 (2009); *Small Cell Order*, 33 FCC Rcd at 9093 ¶ 17.

<sup>42</sup> See NLC/NACO/USCM Comments at 1-2 (noting the substantial and inappropriate limits placed on local governments by the Commission’s 2018 Small Cell Order and 2020 6409 Order) (citing *Small Cell Order; In the Matter of Implementation of State and Local Governments’ Obligation to Approve Certain Wireless Facility Modification Requests Under Section 6409(a) of the Spectrum Act of 2012*, 35 FCC Rcd 5977 (June 10, 2020)).

<sup>43</sup> See Comments of Wired Broadband, Inc., GN Docket No. 25-133 at 5-7, 13-14 (filed Apr. 11, 2025) (encouraging the preservation of local government authority because “local government is closest to the people . . . it must have the right to manage the ROW”); Comments of Pennsylvanians

governments' ability to protect public health and safety, encourage economic development, facilitate efficient use of public property, promote a sustainable community, and provide for fair compensation for the private use of public property. Federal shot clocks and permitting fee regulation has not resulted in promised expansion for wireless facilities; the Commission should not pursue a similar approach (on legally more shaky grounds) to regulating local authority over fiber deployments.

**III. THE FCC SHOULD HEED REQUESTS TO UPDATE RF EMISSIONS GUIDELINES AND IGNORE REQUESTS TO ERODE ROBUST ENVIRONMENTAL AND HISTORICAL REVIEW OF WIRELESS FACILITIES.**

**A. Updates to RF emission guidelines are needed.**

Local Government Commenters supports the initiation of proceedings to thoroughly review the latest scientific data and update the Commission's current guidelines for exposure to radiofrequency (RF) radiation. Many commenters have highlighted the need for updates to the Commission's RF emissions standards.<sup>44</sup> Local governments hear public concerns about RF emissions on a regular basis, often at meetings that last long into the evening or early hours of the morning, even though local officials are barred by federal law from considering the health and environmental effects of RF emission exposure if proposed facilities meet existing standards.<sup>45</sup> As multiple commenters have noted,<sup>46</sup> the Commission has yet to take action following the D.C.

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for Safe Technology, GN Docket No. 25-133 at 1 (filed Apr. 11, 2025) (PA Safe Technology Comments) (encouraging the deletion of Small Cell Order, Moratoria Order, and Section 6409 rules, which curtail local government authority).

<sup>44</sup> See, e.g., PA Safe Technology Comments at 1-2; Wired Broadband Comments at 4-5, 11-13; People's Initiative Comments at 2-3; Environmental Health Sciences Comments at 2-20; Alliance for Natural Health Comments at 2; see also, e.g., Valeri Marsh Comments (form filing encouraging more thorough regulation of RF emissions filed by at least 30 other individual filers).

<sup>45</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 332(c)(7)(B)(iv).

<sup>46</sup> Wired Broadband Comments at 11 (citing *Env't Health Tr. v. FCC*, 9 F.4th 893, 901, 906 (D.C. Cir. 2021)); PA Safe Technology Comments at 1-2 (same); see also *Env't Health Tr.*, 9 F.4th at

Circuit Court’s 2021 decision overturning the FCC’s decision to terminate its Notice of Inquiry on this topic because “the Commission’s cursory analysis of material record evidence was insufficient as a matter of law.”<sup>47</sup> Thirty-year-old standards do little to quell public concerns about the issue. The Commission should therefore comply with the D.C. Circuit Court’s ruling and finish its proceeding to consider whether its current RF guidelines should be the subject of a rulemaking proceeding or alternatively provide a reasoned justification that its existing guidelines do, in fact, protect against the harmful effects of exposure to RF radiation.<sup>48</sup>

**B. Environmental and historical review of wireless facilities offer important safeguards.**

Several commenters encourage deregulation of NEPA and NHPA review for wireless facilities.<sup>49</sup> We note that the Commission’s previous attempt to eliminate federal environmental and historic preservation review of small wireless facilities was found to be unlawful.<sup>50</sup> The

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901 (“[t]he Commission last updated its limits for RF exposure in 1996”) (citing *Resolution of Notice of Inquiry, Second Report and Order, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, and Memorandum Opinion and Order*, 34 FCC Rcd 11,687, 11,689–90 (2019)).

<sup>47</sup> *Env’t Health Tr.*, 9 F.4th at 914.

<sup>48</sup> *See Env’t Health Tr.*, The Commission must:

- (i) provide a reasoned explanation for its decision to retain its testing procedures for determining whether cell phones and other portable electronic devices comply with its guidelines, (ii) address the impacts of RF radiation on children, the health implications of long-term exposure to RF radiation, the ubiquity of wireless devices, and other technological developments that have occurred since the Commission last updated its guidelines, and (iii) address the impacts of RF radiation on the environment.

9 F.4th at 914.

<sup>49</sup> *See* Comments of CTIA, GN Docket No. 25-133 at 13-14 (filed Apr. 11, 2025) (CTIA Comments); Comments of International Center for Law & Economics, GN Docket No. 25-133 at 18 (filed Apr. 11, 2025) (Int’l Law & Econ Comments); Comments of Competitive Carriers Association, GN Docket 25-133 at 10-11 (filed Apr. 11, 2025) (CCA Comments); Comments of Taxpayers Protection Alliance, GN Docket No. 25-133, *et al.* at 3 (filed Apr. 11, 2025) (Taxpayers Protection Alliance Comments).

<sup>50</sup> *See United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Okla. v. FCC*, 933 F.3d 728, 745 (D.C. Cir. 2019).

Commission should refrain from similar attempts.

Further, commenters ignore the vital role that state and local regulations play in filling the gaps left by NEPA and NHPA.<sup>51</sup> The Commission should avoid deregulating federal environmental and historical reviews without at the very least undertaking a rigorous assessment of the potential harms and gaps created by federal deregulation. Finally, whatever course the Commission may pursue at the federal level, there is no basis to preempt state and local authority to perform environmental and historic protection reviews.

#### **IV. THE FCC SHOULD NOT PREEMPT LOCAL FRANCHISE AUTHORITIES FURTHER IN FRANCHISING CABLE OPERATORS.**

##### **A. The FCC cannot prevent Local Franchise Authorities from reviewing transfers.**

Some commenters ask the Commission to eliminate the Commission's rules placing time limits on local franchise authority (LFA) review of applications for cable franchise transfers of control.<sup>52</sup> These comments fail to acknowledge that eliminating the rules would not eliminate local authority to review the transfers. And the existing regulation targeted for deletion imposes a time limit on local franchise authority participation in an FCC transfer review. Further, local franchises often contain provisions requiring local consent to transfers: changing the national rules does not change this authority.

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<sup>51</sup> See, e.g., *Verizon Wireless of E. LP v. Town of Wappinger*, No. 20-CV-8600 (KMK), 2022 WL 282552, at \*3, 22 (S.D.N.Y. Jan. 31, 2022) (The New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) “was designed, in part, to fill a gap left by the National Environmental Policy Act” and the Town's obligations under 47 U.S.C. § 332 did not preclude its separate obligations to perform SEQRA reviews.) (quoting *Wilder v. Thomas*, 854 F.2d 605, 609 (2d Cir. 1988)).

<sup>52</sup> See U.S. Chamber Comments at 8; NCTA at A-1 (citing 47 C.F.R. §76.502); Int'l Law & Econ Comments at 20; Comments of Digital Liberty. GN Docket No. 25-133 at 3 (filed Apr. 11, 2025) (Digital Liberty).

Cable franchises bestow a privilege to use local public rights of way and contain important rights and obligations reflecting the negotiation, by the local franchise authority and the cable operator, of the terms of use of the local public rights-of-way, the payment of franchise fees and PEG grants, consumer protections and other matters within the authority of the local jurisdiction under to the Cable Act. Retaining authority to review transfers is a very important tool to ensure that any potential new entity stepping into the shoes of the existing franchisee, with access to local streets and financial obligations to a local government, will indeed be able and willing to perform. For example, Comcast recently announced a re-organization<sup>53</sup> that has prompted affected local governments to exercise their review authority to ensure that the new corporate entity will be bound by and assume all responsibility for all obligations of its predecessor pursuant to existing franchises. This is a basic contractual safeguard and the Commission cannot, and should not attempt to, abrogate it.

**B. Cable Operators are the primary cause of delay in franchise renewals.**

The Commission should reject NCTA's proposal to establish a "'shot clock' time limit[] on the cable franchise renewal process, *see* 47 U.S.C. § 546, similar to those it has applied in other contexts."<sup>54</sup> The proposal is based on the false premise that LFAs are the reason for any unreasonable delay.

Cable franchises have typically been 10 or 15 years long and are very valuable transactions to both the operator and the LFA. There can be no rational basis for tipping the scales in the

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<sup>53</sup> *Comcast Announces Intention to Create Leading Independent Media Business Through Spin-Off of Select Cable Television Networks*, COMCAST (Nov. 20, 2024), <https://corporate.comcast.com/press/releases/spin-off-select-cable-television-networks>.

<sup>54</sup> NCTA Comments at 3, n.8.

negotiation further for the benefit of the cable operator by imposing a deadline on the LFA (without any corresponding deadline for the operator). Section 546 already gives the cable operator significant protections. It contains a timeline already, enabling an LFA or cable operator to initiate a formal franchise renewal process three years in advance of a franchise expiration.<sup>55</sup> And as the cable industry well knows, most cable renewals currently use the alternative renewal process in Section 546(h). The formal process is in practice a last resort for both sides because the formal process must be followed if there is to be any possibility of a denial, and it is governed in detail by statute and subject to judicial review.<sup>56</sup>

Delay in renewals is very often caused by cable operators that take months to respond to negotiation points, refuse reasonable requests to meet community needs and interests, and rely upon holdover periods that give them a continued presence in the local right-of-way without meeting updated community needs. NCTA does not propose a remedy if a time limit were reached. Indeed, the proposal is referenced only in a footnote in NCTA's filing but it raises complex and contentious issues. Local governments remind the Commission that this proposal has not been noticed pursuant to the APA and if the Commission were to consider it, which Local Government Commenters oppose, the Commission must seek comment and fully consider the implications before acting.

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<sup>55</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 546(a).

<sup>56</sup> *Id.*, § 546(h).

**C. Public Educational and Governmental access channels are permitted by statute and are constitutional.**

Several commenters, including NCTA, propose the Commission eliminate Public Educational and Governmental (PEG) access channels,<sup>57</sup> ignoring the fact that this is outside the Commission's purview because Congress directed that local governments could require such channels.<sup>58</sup> The Supreme Court has upheld the Cable Act in this respect and established the appropriate level of constitutional scrutiny.<sup>59</sup> Moreover, even if they were not statutorily mandated, PEG access furthers First Amendment interests and sound policy by increasing access to local news and information to cable subscribers, especially in this era of diminishing local news sources.

NCTA is wrong that PEG violates the Fifth and First Amendments under either strict or intermediate scrutiny.<sup>60</sup> In fact, local governments would have a Fifth Amendment claim if the franchising regime and PEG channels were eliminated. Local governments, negotiated for PEG channels before there was a Cable Act, and the PEG grants that support them are part of their compensation for use of their public rights-of-way.<sup>61</sup>

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<sup>57</sup> See U.S. Chamber Comments at 7; NCTA Comments at 15-19; Int'l Law & Econ Comments at 20. Some of the proposals are oddly focused on deleting pro-competition franchising rules. For example, NCTA proposes elimination of 47 C.F.R. § 76.41(b)(6), part of the competitive cable entrant rules which require a provider to indicate the PEG channel capacity and capital support it proposes—a rule that does not mandate any action but disclosure as to what a potential franchisee seeks in its federally-mandated franchise. NCTA Comments at A-4.

<sup>58</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 531

<sup>59</sup> *Turner Broad. Sys., Inc. v. FCC (Turner I)*, 512 U.S. 622 (1994); *Turner Broad. Sys., Inc. v. FCC*, 520 U.S. 180 (1997); *Denver Area Educ. Telecomm. Consortium, Inc. v. FCC*, 518 U.S. 727 (1996) (plurality opinion).

<sup>60</sup> See NCTA Comments at 17-19.

<sup>61</sup> E.g., Opinion of Kamala D. Harris, Attorney General, State of California, Office of the Attorney general (No. 13-403, Jan. 15, 2016), [https://oag.ca.gov/system/files/opinions/pdfs/13-403\\_1.pdf](https://oag.ca.gov/system/files/opinions/pdfs/13-403_1.pdf) (PEG fees are rent for use of public rights-of-way, not a tax).

Congress provides for cable operator access to local rights-of-way via the Cable Act, but such access must still be “subordinate” to the right not to be deprived of property without just compensation.<sup>62</sup> Local franchise authorities’ option to require PEG channels is part of local franchise authorities’ Fifth Amendment rights. NCTA incorrectly invokes the Supreme Court’s ruling in *Loretto*, but NCTA’s claimed harm of mandatory digital carriage is not a real property right, a fact which was central to the holding in *Loretto*. In contrast, federal mandates for cable infrastructure in public rights-of-way do “require” the local government “to suffer the physical occupation” of its real property.<sup>63</sup> Such a physical taking compelling access to municipal property is exactly what the Supreme Court found would justify the municipality’s charging rent in *W. Union Tel. Co.*<sup>64</sup> In fact, the Court of Federal Claims rejected an argument very similar to NCTA’s when it determined *Loretto* did not apply to mandatory carriage of local telephone company signals pursuant to the 1996 Telecommunications Act’s local telephone competition provisions.<sup>65</sup>

Nor are PEG channels a threat to the First Amendment. On the contrary, PEG channels promote free speech values. PEG channels promote access to news and community information. For example, Los Angeles County joined with adjoining cities and conducted One Voice Media Briefings to advise county residents about the latest impacts from wildfires, power outages, road conditions and other updates affecting the Los Angeles region.<sup>66</sup> These briefings included ten

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<sup>62</sup> *City of St. Louis v. W. Union Tel. Co.*, 148 U.S. 92, 101 (1893) (*W. Union Tel. Co.*).

<sup>63</sup> *Loretto v. Teleprompter Manhattan CATV Corp.*, 458 U.S. 419, 440 (1982); *see also Ala. Power Co. v. FCC*, 311 F.3d 1357, 1368 (11th Cir. 2002).

<sup>64</sup> *W. Union Tel. Co.*, 148 U.S. at 99-100.

<sup>65</sup> *Qwest Corp. v. United States*, 48 Fed. Cl. 672 (2001). *See also Berkshire Cablevision of Rhode Island, Inc. v. Burke*, 571 F. Supp. 976 (D.R.I. 1983), *vacated as moot*, 773 F.2d 382 (1st Cir. 1985).

<sup>66</sup> *See, e.g.*, Media Advisory, *Advisory: Tomorrow Windstorm and Wildfires One Voice Media Briefing* (January 14, 2025).

different officials from five jurisdictions, including FEMA. County staff regularly produced video stories of first responders and other county agencies mobilized to assist residents, including disaster resource centers, and stories profiling local residents affected by the natural disasters that aired on the County Channel. Similarly, in 2020, during the coronavirus pandemic (COVID 19), the County coordinated regular press conferences to inform the public on the status of the pandemic and disseminate additional public health orders.<sup>67</sup> In addition, the “16 Around Fairfax” program on Fairfax County Government Channel 16 covers local events that are, at least 75% of the time, not covered elsewhere. State policy often encourages use of public cable access in order to promote public participation.

The Supreme Court has recognized that “it has long been a basic tenet of national communications policy that ‘the widest possible dissemination of information from diverse and antagonistic sources is essential to the welfare of the public.’”<sup>68</sup> public, educational and local government sources of news and information—including a front row seat to live public decision-making in local towns, cities and county councils throughout the nation—alongside commercial channels serves public interest and First Amendment goals. The Supreme Court has upheld these regimes on multiple occasions.

NCTA claims that access to online content means PEG channels are no longer needed, but that is not accurate. Many older viewers don’t have broadband and many communities, particularly in rural areas, still lack access to broadband. Using updated benchmarks for high-speed internet

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<sup>67</sup> See, e.g., COVID-19 Emergency Operations Center, Public Advisory, *Virtual Briefing: County and City Officials Announce Additional Public Health Orders Regarding COVID-19* (March 19, 2020).

<sup>68</sup> *Turner I*, 512 U.S. at 663 (quoting *United States v. Midwest Video Corp.*, 406 U.S. 649, 668 n.27 (1972) (plurality opinion) (internal quotation marks omitted)).

and a national comprehensive map, the FCC estimated in 2024 that 24 million Americans still lack access to broadband.<sup>69</sup> Connectivity has improved in recent years, but as of 2023, lower-income households still lag in connectivity: eighty percent of people in households annually making \$100,000 or more had both fixed and mobile connections, whereas only fifty-four percent of households making less than \$25,000 had both.<sup>70</sup> As the Commission’s 2024 Communications Marketplace Report confirmed, “most consumers have access to one cable MVPD [Multi-channel Video-Programming Distributor] only, and cable MVPDs do not generally compete directly with one another for the same subscribers.”<sup>71</sup> The current marketplace has not ended the cable operator bottleneck.

Because the Commission does not have the authority, nor would it be good policy, proposals to eliminate PEG channels should be rejected.

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<sup>69</sup> Teale, Chris, *New FCC broadband standard increases the number of ‘underserved’ s in America*, Route Fifty (Apr. 4, 2024), <https://www.route-fifty.com/digital-government/2024/04/new-fcc-broadband-standard-increases-number-underserved-households-america/395486/>.

<sup>70</sup> Rafi, Goldberg, *New NTIA Data Show 13 Million More Internet Users in the U.S. in 2023 than 2021*, NTIA (June 6, 2024), <https://www.ntia.gov/blog/2024/new-ntia-data-show-13-million-more-internet-users-us-2023-2021> (*NTIA Usage Statistics*); Michelle, Cao & Rafi, Goldberg, *Switched Off: Why Are One in Five U.S. Households Not Online?*, NTIA (Oct. 5, 2022), <https://www.ntia.gov/blog/2022/switched-why-are-one-five-us-households-not-online>.

<sup>71</sup> FCC 2024 *Communications Marketplace Report*, Release, GN Docket No. 24-119, FCC 24-136 at ¶ 202 (Dec. 31, 2024), <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-24-136A1.pdf>.

**D. Other cable obligations being proposed for elimination serve important functions or are mandated by law.**

**1. Cable rate regulation rules**

The Free State Foundation, among others, requests elimination of the FCC's cable rate regulation rules,<sup>72</sup> ignoring the fact that the rate regulation statute remains on the books.<sup>73</sup> The FCC's rules now interpret broadly the statutory language releasing cable operators from rate regulation when they are subject to "effective competition." The Commission presumes effective competition exists in almost all cases<sup>74</sup> and the means by which effective competition is established is clear.<sup>75</sup> Under these rules, cable rate regulation is rarely invoked or permitted.

The International Center for Law & Economics supports this elimination as a positive deregulatory move.<sup>76</sup> Moreover, because the law is still in place and the FCC's presumptions are rebuttable, the rules continue to serve a purpose. Without the rules, we would return to judicial interpretations of "effective competition" in the statute, adding uncertainty to cable rate regulation.

**2. Except for rule changes mandated by final judicial rulings, other proposed MVPD rule changes lack specificity and require extensive APA-compliant proceedings to fully consider their implications.**

The Free State, ITIF and NTCA ask the Commission to generally consider disparities between MVPD operators (cable/IPTV) and virtual MVPDs (vMVPDs), such as Google's

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<sup>72</sup> See Comments of The Free State Foundation, GN Docket No. 25-133 at 10-11 (filed Apr. 11, 2025) (Free State Comments).

<sup>73</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 543.

<sup>74</sup> FCC *Concerning Effective Competition; Implementation of Section 111 of the STELA Reauthorization Act*, Rule, 80 Fed. Reg. 38001 (2015) (codified at 47 C.F.R. Part 76), <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2015/07/02/2015-15806/concerning-effective-competition-implementation-of-section-111-of-the-stela-reauthorization-act>.

<sup>75</sup> See 47 C.F.R. § 76.905-.906.

<sup>76</sup> Int'l Law & Econ Comments at 6.

YouTube.<sup>77</sup> NCTA describes video streamers in the marketplace, but does not specify any particular rule to delete in light of that analysis.<sup>78</sup> The Free State Foundation states briefly that the FCC “should delete . . . artificial constraints on what facilities-based MVPDs . . . must include in consumer-facing offerings[,] . . . program access, leased access, network non-duplicated protection, and syndicated program exclusivity,”<sup>79</sup> but offers no analysis targeted to those rules nor an analysis of which ones are mandated by statute, just a general pastiche of arguments that the market has changed. NCTA acknowledges that some of its proposals are barred by law, which of course places them outside the bounds of agency authority.

Local Government Commenters believe that if these questions were considered in a future proceeding, the FCC must examine the interconnected set of rules implicated by such a change. For example, would retransmission consent also apply to vMVPDs? This is a particularly good example of an instance where the full notice and comment process under the APA must be utilized to consider the legality and merits of these proposals.<sup>80</sup> Further, such a docket should consider local governments’ prior explanations to the Commission that the treatment of cable operators that are also ISPs *vis-à-vis* the use of the right-of-way has not been appropriately managed, and is in

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<sup>77</sup> See Comments of NTCA-The Rural Broadband Association, GN Docket No. 25-133 at 27-28 (filed Apr. 11, 2025) (NTCA Comments); Comments of Information Technology & Innovation Foundation, GN Docket No. 25-133, MB Docket No. 25-73, OI Docket No. 24-253, MD Docket No. 24-524 at 3 (filed Apr. 11, 2025). Free State Comments at 12-13.

<sup>78</sup> See NCTA Comments at 6. NCTA does not categorize any rules in its chart as falling under the category its comment classifies as being overtaken by market and technological developments. See NCTA Comments Appendix.

<sup>79</sup> Free State Comments at 3.

<sup>80</sup> See *supra* Part I.

violation of the law and an appellate court decision.<sup>81</sup> This results in an asymmetrical marketplace and inappropriate burdens on local taxpayers.<sup>82</sup>

Regardless of whether it takes up the broader issue of how vMVPDs should be treated, a U.S. Court of Appeals has already directed the FCC to modify 47 C.F.R. § 76.42, to replace “fair market value” with “marginal cost.” This should be done without further delay.<sup>83</sup>

## **V. THE FCC SHOULD NOT REPEAL CONSUMER PROTECTIONS.**

The Commission’s consumer protection rules serve as a vital foundation for ensuring fairness, transparency, and accountability within the communications industry. As the industry continues to expand and evolve, the potential for consumer harm—ranging from deceptive billing practices to data privacy breaches—has grown significantly. The Commission’s oversight is essential to mitigating these risks, upholding public trust, and ensuring equitable access to essential communication services.

Local Government Commenters strongly support the Commission’s consumer protection regulations and ask the Commission not to repeal these rules. Should the Commission decide to undertake one or more proceedings to eliminate or weaken any of its existing consumer protection rules, the Commission should not take any steps to thwart state and local governments’ independent authority over consumer protection.

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<sup>81</sup> Local Government Commenters support the comments of NLC/NACO/USCM at 2-3 (pointing out the marketplace asymmetry of the Mixed-Use Rule); *see also, e.g.*, Letter from Cheryl A. Leanza, Best Best & Krieger, to Marlene Dortch, Federal Communications Commission, MB Docket No. 05-311 (filed Feb. 8, 2024) (citing filings).

<sup>82</sup> *Id.*

<sup>83</sup> *Id.*

**A. The “all-in” pricing rule increases transparency and eliminates the practice of adding “junk fees.”**

A handful of commenters seek to eliminate the “all-in” pricing rule alleging that the rule exceeds the Commission’s authority and confuses customers more than it promotes transparency.<sup>84</sup> Yet the commenters fail to provide evidence of customer confusion. In fact, the notion that showing the real price confuses consumers is absurd on its face. As local government commenters have demonstrated in prior filings, cable operators are notorious for increasing service fees by utilizing hidden company-imposed fees.<sup>85</sup> Such practices prevent a consumer from making well-informed decisions when choosing a video product.

On the other hand, “[c]onsumer access to clear, easy-to-understand, and accurate information is central to a well-functioning marketplace that encourages competition, innovation, low prices, and high-quality services.”<sup>86</sup> Local Government Commenters urge the Commission to leave the “all-in” rule in place and appreciate the Commission’s efforts in establishing and supporting the rule thus far.

**B. Broadband label rules promote transparency and allow customers to make well-informed decisions when shopping for broadband services.**

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act required the Commission to establish regulations mandating the display of broadband consumer labels that provide consumers with

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<sup>84</sup> See, e.g., NCTA Comments at 11-12; U.S. Chamber Comments at 10; Comments of ACA Connects - America's Communications Association, GN Docket No. 25-133 at 10-11 (filed Apr. 11, 2025) (ACA Connects Comments).

<sup>85</sup> Comments of NATOA, MB Docket No. 23-203 at 4-7 (filed Jul. 31, 2023).

<sup>86</sup> *Empowering Broadband Consumers Through Transparency*, CG Docket No. 22-2, FCC 22-86, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 37 FCC Rcd 13686 at ¶1 (2022) (*Broadband Label Order*).

details about broadband internet access service plans.<sup>87</sup> The Commission did just that.<sup>88</sup> The Commission’s label requirements demystify complex service terms and provide consumers with clear, accessible information about key service attributes such as pricing, speeds, data allowances, and network management practices. Despite this, several commenters state that the rules are “needlessly burdensome” and a “substantial monthly expense,” yet no evidence is provided to support these statements.<sup>89</sup> Eliminating or reducing the broadband label rules will increase customer confusion and the risk of exploitation by providers. The Commission should respect the Congressional mandate to establish the rules and keep these consumer protections in place.

**C. The 2023 Digital Discrimination rules are paramount in facilitating equal access to broadband services.**

In response to Section 60506 of the Infrastructure Act, the Commission adopted its 2023 Digital Discrimination rules that make it unlawful for broadband providers “to adopt, implement or utilize policies or practices, not justified by genuine issues of technical or economic feasibility, that differentially impact consumers' access to broadband internet access service based on their income level, race, ethnicity, color, religion, or national origin or are intended to have such differential impact.”<sup>90</sup> These rules tackle existing discriminatory practices, such as redlining and limiting service in rural or underserved urban areas, to ensure that low-income, minority, and elderly communities are not excluded from essential digital services.

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<sup>87</sup> Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Pub. L. No. 117-58, 135 Stat. 429 § 60504(a) (2021) (Infrastructure Act).

<sup>88</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 8; *Broadband Label Order*.

<sup>89</sup> *See, e.g.*, U.S. Chamber Comments at 2; ACA Connects Comments at 12; NCTA Comments at 8-9.

<sup>90</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 16.3(b); *Prevention and Elimination of Digital Discrimination*, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, GN Docket No. 22-69, FCC 23-100, 89 Fed. Reg. 6477 (Nov. 15, 2023), <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-23-100A1.pdf>.

Several commenters encourage the Commission to eliminate these rules, citing “vagueness” and “operational burdens” specifically as related to disparate impact.<sup>91</sup> As local government commenters explained in support of the rule ultimately adopted by the FCC, facially neutral or even unintentional practices could still produce discriminatory effects and “the devastating consequences are much the same” as intentional discrimination.<sup>92</sup>

The issue as to whether Section 60506 covers disparate impact policies is currently being litigated.<sup>93</sup> Local Government Commenters ask the Commission, at a minimum, to refrain from initiating any proceeding to repeal any of the 2023 Digital Discrimination rules, including the prohibition of policies and practices that result in disparate impacts, until the Eighth Circuit has issued its decision on the matter. If the rules are upheld, the Commission should heed the court’s ruling and leave them in place.

**D. The FCC should not weaken customer data security regulations.**

The Commission’s CPNI and data breach regulations are critical for safeguarding consumer privacy and security. CPNI rules restrict how providers can use sensitive customer data, increasing protection from unauthorized access, while data breach regulations require prompt notification to affected consumers and regulators in the event of a breach, enabling quick action to mitigate risks. A handful of commenters request that the Commission eliminate or reduce CPNI protections and customer thresholds that trigger data breach notifications.<sup>94</sup> Local Government

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<sup>91</sup> See, e.g., ACA Connects Comments at 12; NTCA Comments at 8-10; CCA Comments at 7.

<sup>92</sup> Comments of Texas Coalition of Cities For Utility Issues; City of Boston, Massachusetts, City of Portland, Oregon, GN Docket No. 22-69 (filed Feb 21, 2023).

<sup>93</sup> Brief for Respondents, *Minnesota Telecom Alliance v. FCC*, No. 24-1179 (8th Cir.), <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DOC-403491A1.pdf>.

<sup>94</sup> See, e.g., Comments of 21st Century Privacy Coalition, GN Docket No. 25-133 at 3-5 (filed Apr. 11, 2025); CTIA Comments at A-16; Comments of USTelecom-The Broadband Association,

Commenters caution the Commission from doing so. Weakening these regulations will erode consumer trust, diminish provider accountability, and create a more vulnerable digital environment where personal information is less secure.

If the Commission decides to initiate a proceeding to lower CPNI protections or the existing thresholds for breach notifications, Local Government Commenters oppose any effort to preempt state and local government authority to set stricter protections and thresholds as they may deem appropriate for their respective jurisdictions.

**E. The FCC should not preempt state regulation of VoIP service providers.**

The Cloud Communications Alliance requests that the Commission reaffirm federal preemption of state VoIP regulations that conflict with federal law by “deleting” those state regulations.<sup>95</sup> Local Government Commenters oppose this proposal. VoIP service use is widespread. Commission data shows as of 2023 that VOIP lines outnumber POTS lines 3 to 1.<sup>96</sup> States have played a historic role in consumer protection and quality of service rules. For example, the California Public Utilities Commission recently issued new state VoIP regulations.<sup>97</sup> State-level oversight respects the division of authority between intrastate and interstate telecommunications and helps address gaps in federal regulation related to jurisdiction-specific consumer protection needs, emergency 911 access needs, and outage/service disruption needs.

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GN Docket No. 25-133 at 22-23 (filed Apr. 11, 2025) (USTA Comments); CCA Comments at 25; Digital Liberty Comments at 4; NTCA Comments at 20-22.

<sup>95</sup> Comments of Cloud Communications Alliance, GN Docket No. 25-133, ET Docket No. 15-80, PS Docket No. 04-35, PS Docket No. 13-75, CC Docket No. 96-45 at 10-11 (filed Apr. 10, 2025)

<sup>96</sup> FCC Office of Economics and Analytics, *Voice Telephone Services: Status as of December 31, 2023*, at 2, Fig. 1 (Nov. 2024), <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DOC-407308A1.pdf>.

<sup>97</sup> CPUC Decision No. 24-11-003, *Establishing a Regulatory Framework for Telephone Corporations Providing Interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol Service* (Nov. 15, 2024), <https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Published/G000/M546/K367/546367929.PDF>.

State and local governments should not be preempted from regulating VoIP service providers, as they are generally better suited to address the specific consumer- and service-related needs of their communities and the Commission has not always kept pace with these needs.

## **VI. THE E-RATE PROGRAM PROVIDES AN INVALUABLE SERVICE TO SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES.**

The E-Rate program has been instrumental in bridging the digital divide by expanding broadband access to over 130,000 schools and libraries across the United States.<sup>98</sup> Prior to the E-Rate program's inception, only 8 percent of classrooms in public schools had access to the internet.<sup>99</sup> Within the first eight years of the E-Rate program's existence, that percentage increased to 93 percent.<sup>100</sup> Between 2022 and 2024, the E-Rate program disbursed over \$7 billion to approximately 106,000 schools and 12,597 libraries for broadband connectivity and internet access, benefitting over 54 million students.<sup>101</sup>

Local Government Commenters strongly urge the Commission to refrain from initiating proceedings that would negatively impact the viability of the E-Rate program. But other rule modifications proposed by the Los Angeles Unified School District—such as modernizing the definition of “basic firewalls,” eliminating unfair discount discrepancies, evaluating Category Two program cap, streamlining competitive bidding rules, eliminating the ten-year documentation retention rules, and establishing a reasonable funding recovery timeframe—will bring efficiency

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<sup>98</sup> *2023 Annual Report*, Universal Service Administrative Co., 5, [https://www.usac.org/wp-content/uploads/about/documents/annual-reports/2023/2023\\_USAC\\_Annual\\_Report.pdf](https://www.usac.org/wp-content/uploads/about/documents/annual-reports/2023/2023_USAC_Annual_Report.pdf).

<sup>99</sup> John Wells, Laurie Lewis, Bernard Greene, *Internet Access in U.S. Public Schools and Classrooms: 1994-2005*, Highlights. NCES 2007-020, National Center for Education Statistics (2006), <https://nces.ed.gov/pubs2007/2007020.pdf>.

<sup>100</sup> *Id.* at 4.

<sup>101</sup> FCC *The Universal Service Fund: How It Impacts the United States* (Aug. 8, 2024), <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DOC-404602A1.pdf>.

and reduce burdens for schools and libraries around the country and are worth careful consideration pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act.<sup>102</sup>

## VII. THE COMMISSION SHOULD PRESERVE PUBLIC SAFETY REGULATIONS.

Chair Carr has pledged that public safety will be one of his top priorities at the FCC and has already initiated proposals to update the FCC's rules to ensure the resiliency, reliability, interoperability, and accessibility of NG911 and strengthen the 911 location accuracy rules.<sup>103</sup> Yet, several commenters seek to eliminate or reduce the Commission's emergency outage reporting and threshold requirements, including outage reporting with respect to 911, claiming that the rules "significantly and unjustifiably impede disaster response," impose costs on private parties not outweighed by the benefits, and are operational burdens.<sup>104</sup>

The Commission's emergency reporting and outage requirements are essential for maintaining reliable communications during crises and providing detailed data that allows the Commission, states, and local jurisdictions to effectively develop targeted, evidence-based emergency rules and policies. Local Government Commenters support the concerns of Sonoma County Emergency Management, which filed supporting the TRACED Act's robocall protections, Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA), the Emergency Alert System (EAS), multilingual WEA

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<sup>102</sup> Comments of Los Angeles Unified School District, GN Docket No. 25-133, *et al.* at 1-2 (filed Apr. 11, 2025). See also Comments of the Schools, Health & Libraries Broadband Coalition, GN Docket No. 25-133, *et al.* (filed Apr. 11, 2025).

<sup>103</sup> Chair Brendan Carr, *Boosting GPS and 911 for the USA*, FCC BLOG (Mar. 5, 2025, 2:00 PM) <https://www.fcc.gov/news-events/blog/2025/03/05/boosting-gps-and-911-usa>.

<sup>104</sup> See, e.g., CTIA Comments at A-6; INCOMPAS Comments at 17; USTA Comments at 14; Comments of Satellite Industry Association, GN Docket No. 25-133 at 4 (filed Apr. 11, 2025); NCTA Comments at 4, A-8-A-10; Taxpayers Protection Alliance Comments at 3 (reduce or eliminate burdensome outage reporting rules, 47 C.F.R. § 4.1-4.18; requirement for VoIP to provide 911/988 providers of outages within 30 minutes and exercise "special diligence" to gather 911/988 facility contact information).

requirements, amateur radio operations, and AM/FM radio systems as part of the essential emergency infrastructure.<sup>105</sup>

Public safety is a highly sensitive area. Local Government Commenters concur with the National Association of State 911 Administrators that any 911 deregulation efforts should proceed with caution because outage reporting, wireless location accuracy, security, and system reliability are critical and should be improved.<sup>106</sup> If any deregulatory proposals were to be considered, it is of particular importance that the Commission follow full and careful notice and comment rulemaking. Moreover, Local Government Commenters oppose any effort to preempt state and local government authority to set stricter protections and thresholds as they may deem appropriate for their respective jurisdictions.

#### **VIII. CONCLUSION**

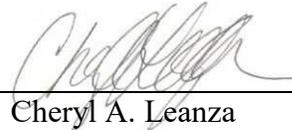
The Commission should proceed with care, proposing with specificity any potential changes raised for consideration in this docket, placing the protection of consumers and public safety at the center of its decision making, and respecting local jurisdictions as partners in the management of our communications infrastructure.

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<sup>105</sup> Comments of County of Sonoma Emergency Management, GN 25-133 at 1-3 (filed Apr. 11, 2025).

<sup>106</sup> Comments of National Association of State 911 Administrators, GN 25-133 at 2-4 (filed Apr. 11, 2025).

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Per BC's request this morning, re-upping this ask of the senior leaders. Arpan, I think you've flagged that this is consistent with the OCH guidance you distributed on Friday?

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Happy to discuss at our next senior meeting.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2025 10:14 AM  
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Katie and Nancy,

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Thanks!

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Hi Erin and Alex,

Attached for your review is the revised draft RM that includes Erin's request below. (b) (5)

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Thanks Katie! (b) (5)

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Thanks Erin. (b) (5)

[Redacted] I've attached a redline showing the rule changes, which are extensive, and a

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Removing OGC

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Happy to chat.

Thanks,

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Hi Susan, attached is a redline showing our implementation of your most recent edits. Thanks again.

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Thank you for incorporating our edits and addressing our comments. (b) (5)

All edits/comments from this round are highlighted in yellow so you can spot them easily. We're available to discuss if that would be helpful.

I hope everyone has a nice weekend.

-Susan

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FCC FOIA No: 2025-000888 001704  
Susan and David, thanks for your invaluable feedback on this item. FYI, attached is a redline and clean copy of the final draft that includes all of the edits from OGC/OEA/OCBO/PERM. (b) (5)

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Hello, attached please find marked up and clean copies of the draft R&O in the Revisions to Cable Rate Regulations proceeding that incorporate OGC's and OEA's previous edits and comments. The FNPRM, FCC 18-148, was adopted and released on October 23, 2018. We are not certain yet if this will be a March Meeting item or a Circulate item but we would like your feedback by Thursday, 2/19/25, if that's feasible. (b) (5)

me know if you have any questions.

Please let