

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER MICHAEL J. COPPS**

Re: *Implementation of the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010, Section 105, Relay Services for Deaf-Blind Individuals, CG Docket No. 10-210.*

Today the Commission moves forward with another critical piece to implement the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act. I am delighted that we continue to make such quick progress on fulfilling this mandate from Congress and ensuring that the tools of the digital age are accessible to Americans from all our disabilities communities. Today's item is particularly exciting because it creates new opportunities for the deaf-blind population – setting up a new program to distribute equipment that makes communications technologies and services accessible. Our action today is another affirmative step towards inclusion for persons with disabilities who want to be, need to be and indeed deserve to be, fully participating, mainstream citizens in our society.