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## **STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER AJIT PAI ON INTRODUCTION OF FCC COLLABORATION ACT OF 2013**

I commend Representatives Anna Eshoo, John Shimkus, and Mike Doyle as well as Senators Amy Klobuchar and Dean Heller on the introduction of the Federal Communications Commission Collaboration Act of 2013 (“Act”). Whether it is Congress or state commissions, companies or consumers, we at the FCC hear a common refrain: our processes need reform. In particular, we have heard that—to quote the Act—“[n]umerous regulatory matters have been pending before the Commission for years, and continued inaction on these issues has the potential to hinder innovation and private investment in the domestic communications industry.”

We must be as nimble as the communications industry we oversee. The FCC Collaboration Act would help us do that by allowing greater interaction among the Commissioners. We could respond better and more quickly to everyone with business before the FCC, from broadcasters in Illinois to technology companies in California. The Act also would help us meet deadlines set by Congress and the shot clocks we set for ourselves. Finally, the FCC Collaboration Act would facilitate a more fruitful dialogue about the potential costs and benefits of Commission action.

This legislation is one of the many steps needed to put the FCC on the right procedural track. Other good ideas can be found in the FCC Consolidated Reporting Act of 2012 and the FCC Process Reform Act of 2012. I look forward to working with Congress as it considers ways to improve the Commission’s internal procedures.