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STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER AJIT PAI ON THE ANNOUNCED DEPARTURE OF CHAIRMAN JULIUS GENACHOWSKI

During his tenure as Chairman, Julius Genachowski has led the Federal Communications Commission with grace and dignity. I will always be grateful for the warmth of his welcome when I joined the Commission last May, and it has been a privilege to work with him in the months since on a wide range of issues. In particular, Chairman Genachowski deserves great credit for highlighting the need to make additional spectrum available for mobile broadband.

Whether the issues we have faced are challenging or mundane, Chairman Genachowski consistently has made a genuine effort to find common ground. I have no doubt that this spirit of collegiality and open dialogue will serve him well in the future. Chairman Genachowski deserves our thanks for his many years of public service. I wish him and his family the very best.