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## **STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER JESSICA ROSENWORCEL ON THE ANNOUNCED DEPARTURE OF CHAIRMAN JULIUS GENACHOWSKI**

“It has been a privilege to work with Julius Genachowski. His announcement of his departure from the Federal Communications Commission is a loss for the agency, and for me personally.

I first met Julius several years ago. When he was nominated to the Federal Communications Commission, I had the privilege of helping support his confirmation by the United States Senate. After assuming the Chairmanship of the agency, Julius hit the ground running. He is responsible for developing our first national broadband plan. To his credit, he did more than create a plan, he took this blueprint and used it to bring broadband and make high-speed services more accessible to more Americans. To this end, he updated our universal service system, helped launch Connect2Compete, and expanded the ways we think about broadband service by highlighting its use in small business, healthcare, education, and much more. He also relentlessly highlighted the need for additional spectrum to fuel the growing demand for wireless services. As a result, on his watch the agency just started a proceeding to put in place incentive auctions designed to facilitate the voluntary return of airwaves that will be repurposed for new mobile broadband use.

But his efforts went beyond broadband. Under his leadership, the agency has increased its data-based decision-making, enhanced transparency with respect to political advertising, and improved the consumer wireless experience. His smarts and hard work have increased the productivity of this agency across a wide range of issues. He has been a good colleague and I wish him the best in his future endeavors.”

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