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STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER AJIT PAI ON CIRCULATION OF AM RADIO REVITALIZATION NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

I applaud Chairwoman Mignon Clyburn for circulating a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking aimed at revitalizing AM radio. The item outlines many promising ideas for improving the service offered by AM broadcasters and reducing the regulatory burdens placed on AM stations.

AM radio is older than the Federal Communications Commission. It has been an integral part of American culture for decades. But the AM band faces many challenges today, which is why I proposed one year ago tomorrow that the FCC launch an initiative to revitalize it. Since then, I've heard from AM broadcasters and listeners all across the country asking the FCC to take action. Today, thanks to Chairwoman Clyburn's leadership, we have taken the first step in responding to their voices.