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**STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER AJIT PAI  
ON SENATE CONFIRMATION OF TOM WHEELER AND MIKE O’RIELLY  
TO SERVE ON THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

I congratulate Tom Wheeler and Mike O’Rielly on the Senate’s confirmation of their nominations to serve on the Federal Communications Commission. The fresh perspectives and experience they bring to the agency will assist our efforts to promote innovation and investment in the communications marketplace. I look forward to working with Tom in his new role as Chairman and with Mike as a fellow Commissioner as we confront the many challenging issues ahead. I also commend Chairwoman Clyburn for her leadership of the agency over the course of the past several months.