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**STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER AJIT PAI
ON COMMITTEE PASSAGE OF THE FCC PROCESS REFORM ACT**

I applaud the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the U.S. House of Representatives for passing by voice vote H.R. 3675, the Federal Communications Commission Process Reform Act of 2013, and I commend the leaders of the Committee’s Subcommittee on Communications and Technology—Chairman Walden and Ranking Member Eshoo—for their bipartisan efforts to advance this important legislation.

All too often, proceedings at the FCC drag on for many years, leaving consumers and businesses alike waiting for the Commission to make a decision. This legislation adopts common-sense reforms that would help us become more responsive. Among other things, it makes it easier for Commissioners to collaborate, requires the Commission to set deadlines for resolving certain routine issues, and asks the Commission to report back to Congress and the public on our progress in meeting those deadlines. This is straightforward, good-government legislation, and I hope that the U.S. House and Senate will act quickly to send this bill to the President for his signature.