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Commissioner O’Rielly Appoints Courtney Reinhard as Senior Legal Advisor and Chief of Staff

Washington D.C. – Federal Communications Commissioner Michael O’Rielly announced his first official appointment today with the hiring of Courtney Reinhard as his Senior Legal Advisor and Chief of Staff. In her new role, Ms. Reinhard will also handle media issues. Until recently, Ms. Reinhard served as Legal Advisor for wireless issues for FCC Commissioner Ajit Pai.

“I am so pleased that Ms. Reinhard has agreed to join my staff. For almost 15 years, Ms. Reinhard has been a friend, colleague, and informal advisor to me. I know that I will benefit greatly from her background and expertise when addressing the challenges facing the Commission. Commissioner Pai is exceptionally gracious to allow me to poach from his talented staff,” Commissioner O’Rielly said.

Commissioner Pai added, “Courtney has been a longtime friend and an invaluable member of my team, and I will miss her wise counsel. While I am sorry to lose her, I am pleased that she will remain a colleague, and I am confident that she will serve Commissioner O’Rielly with distinction.”

Courtney Reinhard came to the Commission from the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on the Budget where she served as Counsel and Budget Analyst to Chairman Paul Ryan. Prior to joining the Budget Committee, Ms. Reinhard served as a Telecommunications Counsel for the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce. She has also served as a policy advisor on communications, technology, and intellectual property issues to U.S. Senator Jim DeMint, U.S. Senator Sam Brownback, and U.S. Representative John Shimkus.

Ms. Reinhard received her J.D. from George Mason School of Law and her B.A., with honors, from the University of California, Davis.

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