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See *MCI v. FCC*, 515 F.2d 385 (D.C. Cir. 1974).

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## **STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER AJIT PAI ON THE SUSPENSION OF THE CRITICAL INFORMATION NEEDS STUDY**

I welcome today's announcement that the FCC has suspended its "Multi-Market Study of Critical Information Needs," or CIN study. This study would have thrust the federal government into newsrooms across the country, somewhere it just doesn't belong. The Commission has now recognized that no study by the federal government, now or in the future, should involve asking questions to media owners, news directors, or reporters about their practices. This is an important victory for the First Amendment. And it would not have been possible without the American people making their voices heard. I will remain vigilant that any future initiatives not infringe on our constitutional freedoms.