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**STATEMENT OF FCC COMMISSIONER AJIT PAI**

**ON THE CANCELLATION OF THE CRITICAL INFORMATION NEEDS STUDY**

I am pleased that the FCC has canceled its Critical Information Needs study.  In our country, the government does not tell the people what information they need.  Instead, news outlets and the American public decide that for themselves.  I look forward to working with my colleagues to identify and remove actual barriers to entry into the communications industry.  This newsroom study was a distraction from that important goal.