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**FCC COMMISSIONER AJIT PAI ANNOUNCES PANELISTS FOR**

**TEXAS FORUM ON INTERNET REGULATION**

Today, FCC Commissioner Ajit Pai announced the panelists for the October 21 forum on Internet regulation he is holding in College Station, Texas. The event will be hosted by Texas A&M University’s Bush School of Government and Public Service and will focus on the Federal Communications Commission’s Open Internet proceeding.

The witnesses for this field hearing will be:

**The Honorable Donna L. Nelson**, Chairman, Texas Public Utilities Commission, Austin, TX

**Edward Henigin**, Chief Technology Officer, Data Foundry, Austin, TX

**Robert Hunt**, Vice President, GVTC (Guadalupe Valley Telephone Cooperative), New Braunfels, TX

**Chelsea McCullough**, Executive Director, Texans for Economic Progress, Austin, TX

**Joe Portman**, President and Founder, Alamo Broadband, Inc., Elmendorf, TX

**Stewart Youngblood**, Ambassador, Dallas Entrepreneur Center, Dallas, TX

 “I am honored that this distinguished group of experts has agreed to participate in the forum,” Commissioner Pai stated. “I look forward to getting outside the Beltway and listening to Texans’ perspectives on how the FCC’s proposed rules would impact the American people.”

The field hearing will begin at 10:00 AM in the Hagler Auditorium of the Annenberg Presidential Conference Center, which is located between the Bush School of Government and Public Service and the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum on the Texas A&M University campus. It will be the first hearing held outside of Washington, DC during the FCC’s deliberations that will feature panelists with a diverse range of views on how the agency should proceed.

The forum will be live streamed at <http://www.georgebushfoundation.org/fccforum>. The hashtag for the event will be #FCCTexas.