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

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## **STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER MICHAEL O'RIELLY ON MUNICIPAL BROADBAND**

It is clear that this Administration doesn't believe in the independent nature of the FCC. It is disappointing that the Commission's leadership is without a sufficient backbone to do what is right and reject this blatant and unnecessary interference designed to further a political goal.

Substantively, this missive is completely without statutory authority and would be a good candidate for court review, if adopted. In reality, this debate is about preempting a state's right to prevent taxpayer rip-offs. Municipal broadband has never proven to be the panacea that supporters claim and the Administration now boasts. Instead, we have seen a long track record of projects costing more than expected and delivering less than promised.