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**STATEMENT OF FCC COMMISSIONER AJIT PAI
ON THE NFL’S SUSPENSION OF ITS TELEVISION BLACKOUT POLICY FOR 2015**

I applaud the National Football League for suspending its television blackout policy for the 2015 season. This is a big win for sports fans across the country, from Buffalo to San Diego. When the FCC voted to eliminate our sports blackout rule last September, I called on the NFL to revisit its blackout policy and adopt a more fan-friendly approach. Today’s announcement by the NFL is a big step in the right direction.