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**STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER MICHAEL O'RIELLY
ON THE SMALL BROADBAND PROVIDER EXEMPTION**

WASHINGTON, December 15, 2015. — Setting aside the Commission's flawed and harmful Net Neutrality decision, temporarily extending the small broadband provider exemption is a monumental mistake in judgement and a missed opportunity to restore a bit of credibility and rationality. We all know that smaller providers never had the imaginary market power envisioned by the Commission, and they shouldn't have to comply now or in the future with burdensome requirements that divert limited resources from broadband deployment and provide no real value to consumers. I am equally troubled that I was precluded from voting on this item as the majority of the Commission delegated it to the Bureau, reducing its own transparency and accountability.

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