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**STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER MICHAEL O’RIELLY
ON THE MAJORITY STAFF REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON
HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS ENTITLED
“REGULATING THE INTERNET: HOW THE WHITE HOUSE BOWLED
OVER FCC INDEPENDENCE”**

WASHINGTON, March 01, 2016. — “I appreciate the work of Chairman Johnson and the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee to shed additional light on the details of the Commission’s abrupt about-face on Title II. It crystallizes what most people knew in their hearts: the facts and process were thrown overboard in order to capitulate to the improper influence of the Administration. The final order is a discredit to the agency’s independence and the rule of law. Whether through the courts or a future Commission, this illegitimate net neutrality regime must go.”

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