

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER MICHAEL O'RIELLY**

Re: *Rules and Policies Regarding Calling Number Identification Service – Caller ID; Waiver of Federal Communications Commission Regulations at 47 C.F.R. § 64.1601(b) on Behalf of Jewish Community Centers, CC Docket No. 91-281*

During this proceeding, I have endeavored to strike an appropriate balance between providing information to law enforcement to help them investigate threatening calls while safeguarding the valid privacy interests of callers who may choose to block caller ID to protect themselves or others from real harms. I also sought to narrow the circumstances under which loosely defined “security personnel” could obtain access to caller ID information. I wanted to ensure that providers are not put in an untenable role of deciding whether there is a threat and who should receive information. Additionally, we must protect call recipients from bad actors or others who may claim to be security personnel to get access to the information for their own purposes.

Given the Commission’s penchant for TV references, let me delve into a couple to highlight that for every legitimate security personnel, there is a James Garner of the Rockford Files or Tom Selleck of Magnum P.I. seeking to extract information for unintended purposes. The item resolves this to a satisfactory degree, I hope, by tying security personnel to those approved or authorized by law enforcement.

I thank the Chairman and staff for working with me to resolve these concerns. I vote to approve.