

**STATEMENT OF
CHAIRMAN AJIT PAI**

Re: *FCC Form 325 Data Collection*, MB Docket No. 17-290; *Modernization of Media Regulation Initiative*, MB Docket No. 17-105.

The last time the Commission updated its Form 325 reporting requirements for cable television systems, *The Sopranos* had barely inched into its first season. And while today the show is still rated by critics as one of the best TV dramas of all time, the FCC's Form 325 has not aged as well.

Over the past 18 years, the cable industry has changed significantly with the evolution of technology and changes in service offerings. Moreover, data about cable operators has become increasingly available from various commercial sources. Many have called for the Commission to acknowledge these changes by eliminating burdensome Form 325 annual MVPD reporting requirements. This *Notice* responds to those calls, and invites public input on streamlining or eliminating the data collection. This is the third *Notice* stemming from our Modernization of Media Regulation Initiative, and it sends an important message: Don't stop believin' in our commitment to update our rules.

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