STATEMENT OF

COMMISSIONER BRENDAN CARR

Re: Electronic Delivery of MVPD Communications, MB Docket No. 17-317; Modernization of Media Regulation Initiative, MB Docket No. 17-105

This year, the FCC has made significant strides in modernizing outdated rules and reducing unnecessary paperwork burdens. This effort has been particularly welcome when it comes to the FCC's media regulations, which have languished without update for far too long. Take the FCC's Part 76 rules, which we tee up in today's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. These rules regulate cable operators' communications with their subscribers. But those rules are stuck in the snail mail era—requiring providers to send written notices to consumers even when email is a more efficient and cost-effective means and one that the consumer prefers.

Allowing cable operators to communicate with their subscribers electronically is long overdue. So I support today's Notice. It contains commonsense proposals that will decrease paperwork burdens, especially for smaller cable providers, while ensuring that consumers receive information in the way they find most helpful.

I want to thank the Media Bureau for its work on this item.