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| **Media Contact:**  Tina Pelkey, (202) 418-0536  tina.pelkey@fcc.gov  **For Immediate Release**  **What They’re Saying About Chairman Pai’s**  **Proposal to Create an Office of Economics and Analytics**  **American Action Forum Director of Technology and Innovation Policy Will Rinehart:** “The FCC needs to be a data-first organization, and the creation of such an office could help reorient the agency toward more empirically grounded analysis.” ([Full Steam Ahead On The FCC’s Office Of Economics And Analytics](https://www.americanactionforum.org/insight/full-steam-ahead-fccs-office-economics-analytics/), Blog, 1/17/18)  **American Enterprise Institute Visiting Scholar Roslyn Layton:** “The proposal . . . is a no-brainer to support the public interest at the FCC. . . . This is the most important accomplishment for those who believe that policy should be informed by the best available evidence . . . .” ([Making Government Work Again: New Office To Strengthen Role Of Data At FCC](https://www.forbes.com/sites/roslynlayton/2018/01/10/make-govt-work-again-fcc/" \l "c9cd5f6ba3a5), *Forbes*, 1/10/18)  **Competitive Enterprise Institute Vice President for Policy Wayne Crews:** “The FCC should never be ‘an economics free zone’ with respect to its decisions to regulate and, in effect, alter the very trajectory of this industry. . . . An Office of Economics and Analytics could play [a] welcome streamlining and disciplinary role.” ([CEI Comments On Formation Of Office Of Economics And Analytics At The FCC](https://cei.org/content/cei-comments-formation-office-economics-and-analytics-fcc), Press Release, 1/9/18)  **George Washington University Regulatory Studies Center Director Susan Dudley:** “Without data and transparent analysis, policies can get buffeted by political winds and end up responding to the loudest voices and serving special interests instead. . . . Next week’s vote creating the new office is an important first step in correcting that problem and improving the basis on which the FCC makes its decisions.” ([FCC Votes To Elevate Economic Analysis](https://www.forbes.com/sites/susandudley/2018/01/26/fcc-votes-to-elevates-economic-analysis/" \l "6258f6254480), *Forbes*, 1/26/18)  **Hudson Institute Senior Fellow and Former FCC Commissioner Harold Furchtgott-Roth:** “Chairman Pai, from Parsons, Kansas, is bringing some Midwestern common sense to the nation’s capital. . . . Chairman Pai and the entire FCC should be proud.” ([FCC To Use More Economics And Data Analytics To Improve Decisions](https://www.forbes.com/sites/haroldfurchtgottroth/2018/01/09/fcc-to-use-more-economics-and-data-analytics-to-improve-decisions/" \l "89b91fcbef6d), *Forbes*, 1/9/18)  **Mercatus Center Research Fellow Brent Skorup:** “The proposed creation of the OEA represents another pivot toward the likely future of US telecom regulation: a focus on consumer welfare, competition, and data-driven policy.” ([A Welcome Restructuring At The FCC](https://techliberation.com/2018/01/09/a-welcome-restructuring-at-the-fcc/), Blog, 1/9/18)  **Mercatus Center Senior Fellow Veronique De Rugy:** “The office would provide an important and systematic feedback during the regulation-making process on whether a real problem exists that regulation might solve, as well as about what the costs and benefits of proposed rules and orders. . . . Hopefully, this will inspire and influence changes in other federal agencies.” ([‘Yes’ to The FCC’s Proposed Office Of Economics](http://www.nationalreview.com/corner/455418/fccs-economics-analytics-office-proposal), *National Review*, 1/12/18)  **Obama Administration’s Administrator of Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs Cass Sunstein:** “Promising idea from the FCC – a proposed Office of Economics and Analytics.” ([Tweet](https://twitter.com/CassSunstein/status/953573300210405376), 1/17/18)  **R Street Institute Technology Policy Associate Joe Kane:** “The proposed order . . . directs the bureaus to collaborate with the OEA in carrying out their functions, suggesting the office will not be merely symbolic but will meaningfully impact the commission’s decision making.” ([Economic Analysis Soon Could Play Bigger Role At FCC](http://www.rstreet.org/2018/01/09/economic-analysis-soon-could-play-bigger-role-at-fcc/), Blog, 1/9/18)  ###  **Office of Media Relations: (202) 418-0500**  **ASL Videophone: 1-844-432-2275**  **TTY: (888) 835-5322**  **Twitter: @FCC**  **www.fcc.gov/office-media-relations**  *This is an unofficial announcement of Commission action. Release of the full text of a Commission order constitutes official action. See MCI v. FCC, 515 F.2d 385 (D.C. Cir. 1974).* |