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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](#), 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](#), *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](#), 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](#), *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](#), *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](#), 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](#), *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](#), 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](#), Blog, 1/9/18)

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