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| ***FCC - News from the Federal Communications Commission***  **Media Contact:**  Brooke Ericson, (202) 418-2300  [Brooke.Ericson@fcc.gov](mailto:Brooke.Ericson@fcc.gov)  **For immediate release**  **STATEMENT OF Commissioner MICHAEL O’Rielly**  **on The Passing of Ray Baum**  WASHINGTON, February 9, 2018. – “I am incredibly sad to learn of the passing of House Energy & Commerce Chief of Staff, Ray Baum, who I worked with on Capitol Hill and provided me keen advice during my early Commission days.  More than a colleague, Ray was a wonderful individual with an endearing smile.  While communications policy – especially the intricacies of universal service – was a unique passion, his true love remained his extended family and I pray that God provides peace to them during these difficult days.”    ###  **Office of Commissioner Mike O’Rielly: (202) 418-2300**  **Twitter: @mikeofcc**  **www.fcc.gov/leadership/michael-orielly**  *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).* |