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**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.”

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