

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER MICHAEL O'RIELLY**

Re: *FCC Form 325 Collection*, MB Docket No. 17-290; *Modernization of Media Regulation Initiative*, MB Docket No. 17-105

The premise at the heart of this rather innocuous, but important, proceeding is eliminating a reporting requirement that no longer makes any sense. Arguments can be made that the Form 325 data is duplicative or that is no longer relevant. Under either scenario, the action taken in the item is appropriate and earns my strong support.

On a larger note, this item is part of a series of proceedings to help modernize existing Commission regulations imposed on broadcast and cable companies. It is both appropriate and exciting to see this one completed, and I hope that we can quickly move to the eight or so other items that have already been briefed and should be ready to go to final action. Concurrently, we should turn our attention to finding the next dozen, and the next dozen, and the dozen after that of unnecessary rules and reporting requirements that can be eliminated.