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**STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER MICHAEL O’RIELLY
ON FORMATION OF NEW SATELLITE C-BAND ALLIANCE (CBA)**

WASHINGTON, October 1, 2018. – “The 3.7 to 4.2 GHz band, or C-band downlink, is a key component to having a solid U.S. mid-band spectrum play for 5G services. This announcement appears to be a great step to quickly and orderly reallocate the spectrum to commercial wireless use. It also further establishes the private market option as the lead proposal to do so. I am impressed and pleased to learn the new alliance will be run by an experienced hand, Preston Padden, who knows how to get projects completed.”

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