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**CHAIRMAN PAI STATEMENT ON FAILURE OF CRA ATTEMPTING TO OVERTURN FCC'S RESTORING INTERNET FREEDOM ORDER**

WASHINGTON, January 2, 2019—As the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress comes to an end, so too has the gambit to invalidate the FCC's *Restoring Internet Freedom Order* through the Congressional Review Act (CRA). Federal Communications Commission Chairman Ajit Pai released the following statement regarding the failure of the effort to use the CRA to overturn the *Restoring Internet Freedom Order*:

"I'm pleased that a strong bipartisan majority of the U.S. House of Representatives declined to reinstate heavy-handed Internet regulation. They did the right thing—especially considering the positive results for American consumers since the adoption of the *Restoring Internet Freedom Order*. Over the past year, the Internet has remained free and open. Broadband speeds are up, with download speeds in the United States increasing more than 35% in 2018, according to a recent report from Ookla. Internet access is also expanding, and the digital divide is closing. For example, a recent report by the Fiber Broadband Association found that fiber was made available to more new homes in 2018 than in *any* previous year. In short, the FCC's light-touch approach is working. In 2019, we'll continue to pursue our forward-looking agenda to bring digital opportunity to all Americans."

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