

**REMARKS OF FCC CHIEF OF STAFF MATTHEW BERRY
AT THE FCC'S TECHNOLOGICAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

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Good morning. On behalf of the Office of the Chairman, it's my honor to welcome this distinguished assemblage of some of the nation's leading engineers and technologists to the Commission.

Chairman Pai is out of town and therefore couldn't be with you personally this morning. But as a show of respect and appreciation for your contributions to the Commission, he sent the next best thing to stand in his stead: his mug.

But in all seriousness, it is an honor and privilege for me to be filling in for the Chairman this morning. And I think the greatest testament to how much the Chairman values your work is to look at his agenda over the past two-plus years. Just last week, for example, we announced that our April meeting will feature the latest rulemaking as part of our Spectrum Frontiers proceeding, which sprang from the foundational work by the TAC. The same could be said of major proceedings like our 3.5 GHz work and tech transitions.

The TAC isn't crafting think pieces that get filed away in somebody's desk drawer. You're developing action items that help to drive the Commission's work to promote technological innovation.

For that, all of us at the Commission are deeply grateful.

So, the good news is that you have proven yourself indispensable to the Commission. And the bad news is that you have made yourself indispensable to the Commission.

Therefore, as long as promoting technological innovation is at the heart of the Commission's mission, and I certainly hope that won't change anytime soon, there will be a need for the expertise offered by the TAC.

Instead of letting you take a victory lap last year for past successes, the TAC chartered 5 new working groups in 2018 on topics ranging from 5G and the Internet of Things to spectrum for unmanned aerial systems. Today's meeting will feature presentations with actionable recommendations coming out of those working groups. I can assure you that the Chairman's office will be reviewing all of these recommendations closely and taking action where appropriate.

I understand that at the conclusion of today's meeting you will be celebrating the TAC's 20th anniversary. Just think: one more year until the TAC is old enough to drink. Nonetheless, I'm sure today's celebration will be a lively affair. I hope you have a great time because you deserve it.

I'd like to thank those who made this celebration possible.

First, thank you to the members of the TAC. The fact that you are industry-leading experts means that your time is incredibly valuable. The fact that you volunteer that valuable time to the TAC is a true public service.

Thank you to the TAC's leaders—Dennis Roberson, and also the many working group leaders. Your vision and management skills have been integral in harnessing all the expertise in this room and translating it into results.

Finally, thank you to Julie Knapp, Walter Johnston, the new Walter -- Michael Ha, everybody in OET and everybody at the Commission who have nurtured this relationship and integrated the TAC's efforts into the Commission's work. As Chairman Pai often says, the Commission staff is our greatest asset and Julie, Walt, Michael, and the OET team are as good as it gets.

Finally, since today would have been Leonard Nimoy's 88th birthday, I thought that it would be appropriate to close with the following wish for the TAC as you mark your 20th anniversary: Live long and prosper.