

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER BRENDAN CARR**

Re: *Process Reform for Executive Branch Review of Certain FCC Applications and Petitions Involving Foreign Ownership*, IB Docket No. 16-155.

America is known for great teams. The A-Team, of course, is a classic. The 2019 World Series Champion Washington Nationals is another. And as a longtime, if not life-long, fan of the Kansas City Chiefs, the reigning Super Bowl Champions are definitely on this list. Now, I will admit that Team Telecom does not grab the public's attention the way those other teams have. But for those of us that work in telecom we know that it plays a key role, often behind the scenes, in helping to secure our communications infrastructure.

The Order we're voting on today significantly improves the Team Telecom process by promoting greater transparency and certainty. It reflects years of hard work and countless staff hours across multiple administrations, agencies, and departments. It builds on the Executive Order that President Trump issued earlier this year. And it reaffirms our commitment to do whatever it takes to secure our communications networks from the threats posed by foreign actors.

I would like to thank the International Bureau for their work on this item. It has my support.