

CARR LAUDS RULING UPHOLDING KEY 2019 INFRASTRUCTURE REFORMS

WASHINGTON, May 26, 2021—Commissioner Brendan Carr issued the following statement in response to today’s Sixth Circuit decision, which upheld key portions of reforms the FCC put in place in 2019.

“Today’s Sixth Circuit decision is a good win for every American that wants better, faster, and cheaper Internet service,” Carr said. “For too long, franchising authorities needlessly drove up the cost of building and maintaining the infrastructure needed to eliminate the digital divide. As part of a series of steps to accelerate infrastructure builds and increase competition, the Commission in 2019 cracked down on the outlier conduct that had been slowing down these construction projects and raising the costs of Internet service.

“I am grateful that today’s appellate court decision upholds the key reforms that the 2019 FCC majority put in place. Now is the time to double down on those successful infrastructure reforms, which allowed providers to increase speeds, lower consumers’ monthly bills for broadband, and extend their networks to more Americans.”

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