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**Simington Addresses FCC Disability Advisory Committee**

WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 10, 2021—Yesterday, Commissioner Nathan Simington provided remarks at the FCC Disability Advisory Committee.

He noted:

"How the millions of Americans with hearing and speech impairments access telecommunications services, and whether their experience is as close as possible to the experience of Americans without hearing and speech impairments, is the yardstick against which we measure our progress... We cannot achieve functional equivalence without these pillars: functionality, innovation, and provider choice. That is how we achieve functional equivalence, and I am pleased to support policies that enhance any of these pillars of functional equivalence." Further information about the event may be found at: <https://www.fcc.gov/news-events/events/2021/09/disability-advisory-committee-meeting>

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