

Carr Statement on Biden Administration’s Failure of Leadership on 5G *White House Walks Back Biden-Brokered Infrastructure Deal After Just Two Weeks*

WASHINGTON, DC, January 18, 2022—FCC Commissioner Brendan Carr issued the following statement in response to President Biden’s decision to announce an [indefinite delay](#) of 5G service over C-Band spectrum in certain parts of the country. The White House statement comes [just two weeks](#) after President Biden announced that his Administration brokered a deal that would allow for the rapid deployment of 5G. Back then, Commissioner Carr released a letter highlighting the negative consequences that would flow from the [Administration’s dysfunctional approach](#), and its failure to make infrastructure decisions based on science, engineering, and real-world experience.

“Nearly two years ago, the FCC—the expert agency charged by Congress with regulating wireless carriers’ transmissions—authorized C-Band operations pursuant to a detailed, 258-page regulatory decision. The FCC’s order adopted comprehensive rules that safeguard aeronautical services from any harmful interference. It was a decision based on sound engineering, good process, and real-world experience, including the fact that C-Band operations are live in nearly 40 countries today without any negative impacts on aviation. And it was part of a broader set of smart policies that positioned the United States to lead the world in 5G.

“Starting late last year, the Biden Administration chose to upend that settled decision and replace it with a chaotic and haphazard process. After securing a needless one-month delay, President Biden announced in early January that he had struck a deal that would allow the wireless carriers to light up their C-Band spectrum in short order. Flash forward just two weeks, and the White House is now walking away from that Biden-brokered deal.

“This is a clear failure of leadership. At any point in time, the White House could have stood up and sided with the science. They didn’t. And the silence by so many in leadership only paved the way for a misinformation campaign timed to maximize the chances that Administration officials would cave once again. And they did.

“This is a setback for U.S. leadership in 5G. Indeed, the negative consequences that flow from this type of dysfunctional process are not limited to the facts of this case. It is going to make it even harder for the U.S. to reach and stick with sound spectrum decisions going forward. This is a bad deal.”

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