

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER MICHAEL J. COPPS**

Re: *In the Matter of a Cyber Security Certification Program, Notice of Inquiry*, PS Docket No. 10-93

Job One of the FCC is the security of this nation's infrastructure. That security has many ramifications—human lives and safety, of course, but also the economic, governmental and social functioning of the entire country. President Obama has rightly made protecting this infrastructure from cyber attacks a top national security priority. As the President has said, we must be ready to "deter, prevent, detect and defend against attacks and recover quickly from any disruptions or damage." The Administration's *Cyberspace Policy Review*, in which the FCC participated, recognizes the importance of the public sector and the private sector working together to ensure that the market delivers more secure products and services for the American people. Today, based on recommendations from the National Broadband Plan, we start to examine incentives programs to do just this.

I commend the Chairman and the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau for moving forward with the concept of a cyber security certification program. I welcome—and earnestly solicit—the thoughts and the comments of outside experts in the field of cyber security, and I encourage all other concerned stakeholders to contribute their input too. Cyber security, after all, affects us all. It is my hope that such a stamp-of-approval program will foster stronger security for this nation's network infrastructure and provide users with more information about their providers' security practices.