

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER ROBERT M. McDOWELL**

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

In light of America's increasing dependence on broadband communications services and given trends suggesting an increased susceptibility to operator error and malicious cyber attacks, efforts to promote greater vigilance among market participants, increase the security of our communications infrastructure and offer more information about cyber security practices would benefit consumers of broadband services. If consumers receive adequate information – the knowledge about the tools and techniques used by their service provider to combat criminals and hackers – they will no doubt be more comfortable with their broadband experience.

As always, I look forward to engaging with industry and interested parties to learn more about the work being undertaken in this area. Thank you to Jamie Barnett and your entire team. This is critically important and I appreciate the work you are doing.