

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER AJIT PAI**

Re: Annual Assessment of the Status of Competition in the Market for the Delivery of Video Programming, MB Docket No. 07-269

I would like to thank the Media Bureau staff for all of their work producing this comprehensive report, which demonstrates in detail that the video marketplace is more competitive than it ever has been. Over the four years covered by the report, the range of MVPD options expanded, broadcasters increased their number of multicast streams, distribution of video content over the Internet exploded, and the variety of devices capable of displaying video programming grew dramatically. This is all good news, because competition within and among market segments (broadcasters, MVPDs, and online video distributors) benefits consumers.

Given the fast pace of change within the industry, it is vital that the Commission comply with its statutory mandate to “annually report to Congress on the status of competition in the market for the delivery of video programming.” 47 U.S.C. § 548(g). Our record on this score is a matter of public record and need not be repeated here. I am hopeful, however, that we are back on track and that we will release our next report in 2013.