

**STATEMENT OF  
COMMISSIONER MICHAEL P. O'RIELLY**

Re: *Revitalization of the AM Radio Service*, MB Docket No. 13-249

I commend Commissioner Pai for his leadership on the entire issue of AM revitalization. Having personally discussed the various options with AM radio broadcasters and read their comments, it is clear how important an FM translator auction window is to the overall effort. I must admit that it was disconcerting to see the turmoil necessary to get us to the end result, but all's well that ends well.

At the end of the day, however, Commission rule changes can only be so helpful. The American people will ultimately decide the fate of AM radio and its place in the American entertainment and information marketplace.