

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER BRENDAN CARR**

Re: *Cable Television Technical and Operational Standards*, MB Docket No. 12-217

As technology evolves, our rules need to evolve with it. This means that we should not reflexively apply legacy regulations from the analog era to digital technology. Instead, we must always take a fresh look at our rules in light of today's technologies and marketplace realities. This Order does just that.

First, while we update our signal quality rules as directed by Congress, we do so without placing unnecessary burdens on digital cable operators. For example, the Order declines to impose extensive testing, certification, and recordkeeping requirements on these providers. This light-touch approach makes sense. Digital signals are inherently more reliable than analog signals, and competition in today's MVPD marketplace creates strong incentives for digital cable operators to deliver quality signals to consumers.

Second, we bring our cable signal leakage rules into the digital age without imposing needless costs on providers. For instance, we ensure that digital cable operators can comply with our rules without being forced to buy costly new signal leakage detection equipment. We also minimize paperwork and other burdens on all-fiber-optic cable providers given the minimal risk of signal leakage posed by their systems.

For these reasons, I support this Order and I look forward to working with my colleagues on similar efforts. Finally, I would like to thank the Media Bureau staff for their hard work on this item.