

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER BRENDAN CARR**

Re: *Amendment of Parts 74, 76 and 78 of the Commission's Rules Regarding Maintenance of Copies of FCC Rules*, MB Docket No. 17-231; *Modernization of Media Regulation Initiative*, MB Docket No. 17-105

Earlier this month, when I cast my first vote as a Commissioner, I noted that the telecom section of the Code of Federal Regulations now spans five volumes and more than 4,000 pages. In too many cases, the rules codified in that set have long outlived their usefulness. In fact, as today's Notice shows, we actually have rules on the books whose only purpose is to make sure that our licensees keep those books on their shelves. These requirements were adopted in the 1970s, a decade that gave us advances like the floppy disk, the VCR, and the Walkman, and an era long before virtually everything—including FCC regulations—became available online. As times change, our rules should change with them. So I am glad that the Notice proposes to eliminate these obsolete regulations. And more importantly, I support the larger effort that we are undertaking to modernize our media regulations and remove or streamline those rules that hinder competition, innovation, and entrepreneurship. I look forward to working with my colleagues in that broader effort.