

**STATEMENT OF
CHAIRMAN AJIT PAI**

Re: *Rules and Policies Regarding Calling Number Identification Services – Caller ID; Waiver of Federal Communications Commission Regulations at 47 C.F.R. § 64.1601(b) on Behalf of Jewish Community Centers*, CC Docket No. 91-281

The rash of threatening phone calls placed to many Jewish Community Centers earlier this year highlighted a disturbing trend: The number of threatening phone calls is on the rise.¹ This *Report and Order* responds to this development by enabling law enforcement to quickly obtain caller ID information following a threatening phone call to persons or property. This information could save lives and help apprehend those making such calls. Moreover, this measure is justified because callers who make threats should have no legitimate expectation of privacy that their caller ID information will remain secret.

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¹ See, e.g., Eric Levenson and AnneClaire Stapleton, Jewish Center Bomb Threats Top 100; Kids Pulled from Schools (Mar. 13, 2017), <http://www.cnn.com/2017/02/28/us/bomb-threats-jewish-centers-jcc/> (reporting over 100 threats to 80 Jewish Community Centers); Associated Press, Statistics: Bomb Threats to Schools in New Hampshire are Up (Aug. 21, 2016), <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2016/aug/21/statistics-bomb-threats-to-schools-in-new-hampshir/> (reporting an increase in threats to New Hampshire schools); United States Bomb Data Center, Bomb Threats across the U.S. (May 24, 2016), <https://www.atf.gov/resource-center/docs/bomb-threats-across-us/download> (finding an 84% increase in bomb threats to schools from 2010-2016 and an increase in bomb threats to residences) (ATF Report); Richard J. Bayne, Swatting Epidemic ‘out of control’ in Middletown School District (Feb. 27, 2016), <http://www.recordonline.com/news/20160227/swatting-epidemic-out-of-control-in-middletown-school-district> (reporting a rash of threats made to various schools in New York and the adverse impact on students); James Fisher, More School Threats in Region; FBI Assisting (Jan. 19, 2016), <http://www.delawareonline.com/story/news/local/2016/01/19/fresh-round-school-threats-tuesday/78999668/> (reporting multiple phone threats to schools in Delaware, Virginia, Maryland, and Massachusetts).