

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER BRENDAN CARR**

Re: *Section 43.62 Reporting Requirements for U.S. Providers of International Service, IB Docket No. 17-55; 2016 Biennial Review of Telecommunications Regulations, IB Docket No. 16-131, Report and Order.*

This item is another in the FCC's welcome efforts to remove unnecessary reporting obligations. According to one provider, it takes at least a dozen employees more than 600 hours over the course of four months to compile the information required for these international traffic and revenue reports. And yet, the Commission no longer needs to collect this data because of increased competition in the marketplace and the ability to obtain the information through other, much less burdensome means. Rather than waste time and personnel on this pointless paperwork, carriers should be able to use those resources to develop new products, upgrade equipment, and better serve customers. I therefore support today's decision to do away with our international traffic and revenue reports.

While we do not eliminate circuit capacity reports because they are critical to our national security and public safety responsibilities, I also support the modest steps we take to streamline those reporting requirements.

It is also worth noting that our action today stems from recommendations the Commission received during the biennial review process. I think the FCC's willingness to take up these recommendations and move quickly shows the agency's renewed interest in using that process to identify regulations in need of reform. For my part, I certainly welcome input from all stakeholders, whether as part of that process or outside of it, on additional ways to eliminate or streamline unnecessary regulations.