

**STATEMENT OF
CHAIRMAN AJIT PAI**

Re: *Modification of Subpart G, Section 0.701 of the Commission's Rules.*

Today, the Commission takes the simple step of increasing the size of the Intergovernmental Advisory Committee (IAC) to be more consistent with the size of the FCC's other Advisory Committees. By expanding the size of the IAC, we will be able to receive a wider range of input from state, local, and Tribal governments.

In order to achieve consensus on this *Order*, I was ready and willing to accept most of Commissioner Clyburn's requested changes. For example, I was fine with increasing the minimum number of elected municipal officials, elected county officials, elected state executives, public utility or public service commissioners, and Tribal representatives on the IAC. I was also happy to add a requirement that two members come from associations of government representatives. But sadly, she was unwilling to compromise.

Finally, with the adoption of this *Order*, we now need to solicit nominations for the IAC and select many new members. This process will not be completed by January; it takes time to sort through paperwork, evaluate applications, and the like. That's why it was necessary to postpone the IAC's January meeting. But once the IAC is at full strength, we'll quickly schedule its next meeting.