

**DISSENTING STATEMENT OF  
COMMISSIONER MIGNON L. CLYBURN**

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

Expanding the diversity of viewpoints included on the FCC's Intergovernmental Advisory Committee (IAC) should be welcomed, right? Yet in the words of the IAC's own Chair in a November 21<sup>st</sup> letter to Chairman Pai: "doubling the size of the IAC, without substantive changes to the FCC's approach to and interaction with the IAC, will not result in either increased attendance or increased engagement by the Membership."

Instead of delaying today's decision until a conversation could be had with the IAC, the FCC Chairman chose to move forward anyway. It is deeply troubling that we would simply ignore an advisory committee's recommendation without any discussion. What is the point of having such committees if our response is to just disregard their expertise and guidance?

Second, if the Chairman was intent on moving forward with this item, despite the IAC Chair's concerns, I suggested that the composition of the Committee include two consumer advocates – government employees whose job it is to advocate on behalf of consumers. My request was denied.

Finally, hours after casting my dissenting vote, I learned that the IAC's January meeting had been abruptly canceled. Was this retaliation for expressing concerns about an expanded IAC? While I do not know for sure, the timing certainly appears suspect.

I dissent.