

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER MICHAEL O'RIELLY**

Re: National Cable & Telecommunications Association and American Cable Association, MB Docket No. 16-126, Petition for Declaratory Ruling.

I support this move to allow cable operators to provide certain required notices to their subscribers via electronic distribution, subject to customer opt-out. This ruling comports nicely with our overall push to recognize the current realities of business communications and realize efficiencies by permitting, or in some cases requiring, paper transmissions to go electronic. It is my hope that the Commission will be able to keep things moving in this direction. For example, the principle underlying this item could potentially be extended to allow for distribution to a customer's online account instead of via email, if helpful. And notices for retransmission consent elections could move to email. Today's declaratory ruling demonstrates that the Commission is ready and willing to consider and possibly act on suggestions to put more communications online.