

**STATEMENT OF  
COMMISSIONER MICHAEL O'RIELLY**

Re: *Elimination of Obligation to File Broadcast Mid-Term Report (Form 397) Under Section 73.2080(f)(2)*, MB Docket No. 18-23; *Modernization of Media Regulation Initiative*, MB Docket No. 17-105

Kudos are due to Chairman Pai and his staff for initiating this proceeding. I originally targeted Form 397 when the Commission teed up its media modernization review, as a reform that was long overdue. Form 397 requires simply a name and a copy of the annual EEO reports for the last two years. But, now that EEO reports are filed with the Commission in parties' online public files, this form has been made irrelevant. I am pleased to see that in today's item the Commission tentatively concludes that Form 397 is no longer necessary. This is the right outcome. I look forward to reviewing the record for comments on whether and, if necessary, how best to address the covered station issue.