STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER MICHAEL O'RIELLY

Re: Amendment of Parts 1, 2, 22, 24, 27, 90 and 95 of the Commission's Rules to Improve Wireless Coverage Through the Use of Signal Boosters, WT Docket No. 10-4

While I vote to approve today's item on signal boosters, the notice portion raises some important issues that the Commission will properly examine in the coming months. In particular, we need to ensure that embedded mobile boosters and the removal of the personal use restriction on Wideband Consumer Signal Boosters will not increase the likelihood of harmful interference. Additionally, we need to consider the effect of permitting people and enterprises to register and use wideband boosters on networks to which they do not subscribe and how that process should work. For instance, should a provider be able to charge a fee to non-subscribers registering wideband signal boosters on their networks? Ultimately, the Commission must permit wireless providers to protect their networks. Therefore, providers should have the ability to turn away any equipment that could potentially have a negative impact on their networks and the subscriber experience. I look forward to discussing these issues and others with interested parties in the coming months.