

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER ANNA M. GOMEZ**

Re: *Promoting the Integrity and Security of Telecommunications Certification Bodies, Measurement Facilities, and the Equipment Authorization Program*, Docket No. 24-136, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (May 23, 2024).

The fast pace of creativity and innovation in wireless technology demands that we put in place the right approval system to support this technology reaching consumers. The wireless devices that are common in your life were reviewed in one of the nearly 640 FCC-recognized accredited test labs around the world and certified by one of the 40 FCC-recognized telecommunications certification bodies. □ □ □

In this age of wireless proliferation, we must also remain vigilant of technology and actors infiltrating our wireless infrastructure to cause harm. The Commission's equipment authorization program rules already prohibit authorization of equipment that has been determined to pose an unacceptable risk to national security and our safety. □ With today's NPRM we seek to strengthen our oversight of the test labs and telecommunications certifications bodies that review and certify the wireless equipment that flows into the stream of commerce in our nation. □

Today, we begin the important and necessary steps to ensure that our equipment authorization program to support rapid and flexible wireless innovation is not subject to influence or control by actors that pose a risk to our security. □ This is an important NPRM and I look forward to the record developing. Thank you for the Office of Engineering and Technology for this important work. □