

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER OLIVIA TRUSTY**

Re: *Promoting the Integrity and Security of Telecommunications Certification Bodies, Measurement Facilities, and the Equipment Authorization Program, Second Report and Order, Order on Reconsideration, and Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, ET Docket No. 24-136 (Apr. 30, 2026).*

When Americans think about national security, they often picture our military, warfighters parachuting from helicopters, intelligence agencies engaged in covert espionage operations, or perhaps the latest spy-thriller. What rarely comes to mind is the “made in” label on the RF devices in their homes, or the reality that the lifecycle of those devices, including where they are tested for FCC certification, can have profound implications for the security and privacy of both consumers and their neighbors.

The Commission has rightly made strengthening the equipment authorization process a cornerstone of its national security efforts, including by promoting greater security and accountability in device testing. To date, the “Bad Labs” proceeding has delivered meaningful national security benefits, including the removal of 23 test labs found to be controlled by foreign adversaries.

Today’s item builds on that progress. It creates a clear pathway for equipment testing to occur in labs located in the United States or in countries with which we maintain trusted trade relationships that allow us to rely on their testing and certification regimes. In particular, the item reduces regulatory barriers for devices tested in these “Trusted Test Labs,” and proposes durable safeguards by severing ties with untrustworthy test labs, TCBs, and accreditation bodies.

I also welcome this item’s efforts to increase transparency in testing labs and TCBs, strengthen enforcement mechanisms, and streamline applicant screening.

Strengthening the integrity of our communications ecosystem is a national security imperative, and this item advances that goal in a meaningful way.

I thank the staff of the Office of Engineering and Technology for their thoughtful work on this item, as well as our interagency partners for their collaboration.