

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER OLIVIA TRUSTY**

Re: *Protecting Against National Security Threats in Domestic Telecommunications Service*, WC Docket No. 26-82, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (Apr. 30, 2026).

The nature and scope of physical and cybersecurity threats facing our communications networks today exceed those of any recent era. In response to these growing hostilities, it is imperative that we reexamine policies that permit access to U.S. networks to ensure that frameworks originally designed to promote economic growth are not exploited in ways that jeopardize our national and economic security.

Striking the right balance requires the Commission to focus its oversight where risks are greatest. This Notice of Proposed Rulemaking advances that objective by exploring how the Commission can build on national security determinations made by our federal partners and incorporate them into a more tailored, risk-based approach to upfront review. I appreciate the Chairman working with me to ensure the Notice considers these issues not only in the case of entry authority for common carriers but also in the case of companies seeking to provide unlicensed wireless service. In doing so, we continue recent efforts to direct heightened regulatory attention to entities with ownership or control ties to foreign adversaries.

At the same time, we recognize the substantial benefits of a regulatory framework that fosters competition and innovation in the U.S. communications marketplace. The record developed in this proceeding will help ensure that we preserve those benefits to the fullest extent possible while taking prudent, targeted steps to safeguard public safety and national security.

I thank the Wireline Competition Bureau for their excellent work on this item.