

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER OLIVIA TRUSTY**

Re: *Establishing the Digital Opportunity Data Collection; Modernizing the FCC Form 477 Data Program; In re: Delete, Delete, Delete*, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, WC Docket Nos. 19-195, 11-10; GN Docket No. 25-133 (May 20, 2026).

A few years before joining the Commission, I was on the staff of the Senate Commerce Committee, where I worked on the development and passage of the Broadband DATA Act. And so, I understand the importance of accurate broadband maps to effective policymaking and how far the National Broadband Map has come in recent years.

Notwithstanding tremendous congressional efforts, additional work remains to ensure the Map reaches its full potential. From conversations with providers in Alaska and Kansas, to events hosted by CCA, NTCA, and WTA, to meetings here at the Commission, I continue to hear about the need to improve the National Broadband Map and streamline the processes for updating and challenging the data to ensure its continued accuracy.

Accordingly, I welcome today's item, which takes targeted steps to improve mapping data in the near term while also seeking comment on broader reforms to the update and challenge processes. I encourage robust input on these questions from the full range of stakeholders, including providers, federal and state governments, consumers, and others with a vested interest in the success of the National Broadband Map.

I thank the Broadband Data Task Force and staff across the relevant Bureaus for their hard work on this item.