

**STATEMENT OF  
CHAIRMAN BRENDAN CARR**

Re: *Review of the Commission's Rules Governing the 896–901/935–940 MHz Band*, Report and Order, WT Docket No. 24-99 (February 18, 2026).

Restoring America's wireless leadership is a key pillar of our Build America agenda. And when it comes to spectrum, we are executing a two-prong play to advance connectivity for all Americans.

Spectrum auctions are the first prong. Thanks to President Trump, the FCC has its auction authority back plus an 800 megahertz spectrum pipeline. And we have been making significant progress on these auctions. Last November, we advanced a proposal to auction a large swath of mid-band spectrum in the Upper C-band. And workstreams on additional auctions are active across the Administration. Meanwhile, just a few months from now, we are set to auction AWS-3 spectrum that reaches hundreds of markets nationwide.

As for the second prong, the FCC has been very active over the last year in facilitating secondary market transactions that allow competitors to put spectrum to higher and more productive uses. As a result, we are already seeing previously fallow spectrum loaded up with traffic. This is increasing speeds and coverage for Americans while driving down prices.

Today's decision is another win for that second prong. Our vote today enables secondary-market transactions in the 900 MHz band, so licensees can acquire a full ten megahertz to deliver broadband services. Historically this spectrum was limited to narrowband services.

Expanding broadband capabilities in 900 MHz promises new private wireless deployments across a range of sectors. And by establishing a voluntary, negotiation-driven process, we give operators the flexibility they need to drive efficient transitions through private agreement. It's exactly the type of market-based approach that accelerates deployment and makes spectrum work for the American people.

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