

**STATEMENT OF
CHAIRMAN AJIT PAI**

Re: *Protecting the Privacy of Customers of Broadband and Other Telecommunications Services*, WC Docket No. 16-106; *Implementation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996: Telecommunications Carriers' Use of Customer Proprietary Network Information and Other Customer Information*, CC Docket 96-115.

Today, the Commission releases a ministerial *Order* to implement the Congressional resolution disapproving the Commission's *2016 Privacy Order*, which had amended the Commission's rules implementing Section 222 of the Communications Act. Because Congress has invalidated the *2016 Privacy Order*, we simply make clear that the privacy rules that were in effect prior to 2016 are once again effective.

Originally, the Wireline Competition Bureau was slated to perform this ministerial act. But when Commissioner Clyburn asked for this matter to be addressed at the Commission level, we brought it up for a Commission vote. After doing so, Commissioner Clyburn did not ask for a single change to be made to this *Order*. I am therefore perplexed by her decision to dissent in part. When a Commissioner does not share her concerns about an item until after she casts her vote, it makes it difficult to work together to find common ground.