**CONCURRING STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER AJIT PAI**

Re: *Policies Regarding Mobile Spectrum Holdings*, WT Docket No. 12-269; *Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions*, GN Docket No. 12-268.

Fifteen months ago, I dissented from the Commission’s decision to set aside spectrum for certain preferred bidders.[[1]](#footnote-1) Our record in the proceeding, as well domestic and international experience, shows that spectrum reserves do not produce long-term benefits for wireless competition. Set-asides also impose severe costs, including significant delays in the deployment of spectrum for consumers’ benefit and substantially less revenue for critical national priorities.[[2]](#footnote-2) Canada’s recent AWS-3 auction is a case in point. The set-aside spectrum in that auction sold for less than 4% of the price of the unreserved spectrum ($0.11 per MHz-pop compared to $3.02 per MHz-pop).[[3]](#footnote-3)

Given this context, I do not support expanding the FCC’s spectrum reserves. Accordingly, I agree with the outcome of this *Order* and will concur in the result.

1. *See Policies Regarding Mobile Spectrum Holdings, Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions*, WT Docket No. 12-269, Docket No. 12-268, Report and Order, 29 FCC Rcd 6133, 6268 (2014) (Dissenting Statement of Commissioner Ajit Pai), *available at* http://go.usa.gov/3fvgd. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. *See, e.g.*, Opening Remarks of FCC Commissioner Ajit Pai, Mobile Future Forum, “Designing for Auction Success: Lessons Learned from Around the World,” http://go.usa.gov/3fv49 (Apr. 24, 2014). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. *See, e.g.*, Jeff Lagerquist, BNN.ca, “Handouts for new carriers ‘underscore government’s inefficient spectrum strategy’: Canaccord” (Mar. 6, 2015), *available at* http://bit.ly/1wSKnyh. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)