

**STATEMENT OF  
COMMISSIONER MICHAEL O'RIELLY**

*Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45; Federal-State Joint Board on Jurisdictional Separations, CC Docket No. 80-286; Federal-State Joint Conference on Advanced Telecommunications Services, CC Docket No. 99-294*

I welcome my colleague, FCC Commissioner Brendan Carr, to the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service and the Federal-State Joint Board on Jurisdictional Separations. As Chairman of these Boards, I have sought to pursue policies that both protect ratepayers and ensure the continued progress of broadband deployment. While we lose the Chairman's direct participation on the Boards, we will all benefit from Commissioner Carr's experience and thoughtfulness on these critical issues. In addition, I appreciate the addition of Commissioners Carr and Rosenworcel to the Joint Conference on Advanced Telecommunications Services, as it seeks to define its mission for the future.