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**STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER AJIT PAI
ON THE ANNOUNCED DEPARTURE OF COMMISSIONER ROBERT M.
MCDOWELL**

For over six years, Robert M. McDowell has served on the Federal Communications Commission with honor and distinction. He has championed innovation, promoted competition, and focused on boosting private investment in the communications industry. Rob was among the first to sound the alarm about international threats to Internet freedom, and his leadership has been critical to forging a broad, bipartisan consensus on this issue.

On a personal level, I will always be grateful to Rob for the kindness he showed me during my first months in office. I am proud to call him a friend as well as a colleague. He has shown that it is possible to take the Commission's work very seriously without taking ourselves too seriously.

Whatever path Rob chooses to take next, I have no doubt that he will continue to achieve great success and to contribute positively to our country. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.