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See *MCI v. FCC*, 515 F.2d 385 (D.C. Cir. 1974).

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STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER AJIT PAI ON FCC INTERNET REGULATION

Today's announcement reminds me of the movie *Groundhog Day*. In the wake of a court defeat, an FCC Chairman floats a plan for rules regulating Internet service providers' network management practices instead of seeking guidance from Congress, all while the specter of Title II reclassification hovers ominously in the background. I am skeptical that this effort will end any differently from the last.

When Congress told us to encourage broadband deployment by removing barriers to infrastructure investment, it also established the policy of the United States to "preserve the vibrant and competitive free market that presently exists for the Internet . . . unfettered by Federal or State regulation." Whatever the Commission does as it moves forward, it must take that statutory command to heart.

The Internet was free and open before the FCC adopted net neutrality rules. It remains free and open today. Net neutrality has always been a solution in search of a problem.