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## **Statement of FCC Commissioner O’Rielly on FCC Chairman Wheeler’s “Open Internet” Announcement**

Washington, D.C. – Commissioner Mike O’Rielly issued the following statement today:

“I am deeply concerned by the announcement that the FCC will begin considering new ways to regulate the Internet. As I have said before, my view is that section 706 does not provide any affirmative regulatory authority. We should all fear that this provision ultimately may be used not just to regulate broadband providers, but eventually edge providers.

It appears that the FCC is tilting at windmills here. Instead of fostering investment and innovation through deregulation, the FCC will be devoting its resources to adopting new rules without any evidence that consumers are unable to access the content of their choice.”