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**STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER MICHAEL O’RIELLY
ON ANY PLAN TO “NATIONALIZE” 5G**

WASHINGTON, January 29, 2018. -- “I’ve seen lead balloons tried in D.C. before but this is like a balloon made out of a Ford Pinto. If accurate, the Axios story suggests options that may be under consideration by the Administration that are nonsensical and do not recognize the current marketplace. Instead, U.S. commercial wireless companies are the envy of the world and are already rushing ahead to lead in 5G. I plan to do everything in my power to provide the necessary resources, including allocating additional spectrum and preempting barriers to deployment, to allow this private sector success to continue.”

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