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**STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER MICHAEL O'RIELLY ON
SPEED ACT**

WASHINGTON, October 23, 2017. -- "I applaud Senators Wicker and Cortez Masto for introducing the SPEED Act. This bipartisan effort to ease and accelerate the deployment of broadband technology would put an end to some of the excessive delays industry experiences when siting facilities. While this is a helpful first step, it reaffirms my belief that preemption is necessary to prevent unnecessary and costly barriers to small cell deployment."

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