



## Press Statement

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### **Statement on Gigabit Opportunity Zones**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. (September 13, 2016):** In an address on “A Digital Opportunity Agenda,” delivered today in Cincinnati, OH, FCC Commissioner Ajit Pai introduced the concept of “Gigabit Opportunity Zones” [<https://www.fcc.gov/document/commissioner-pais-digital-empowerment-agenda>]. In response, MMTC President Emeritus and Senior Advisor David Honig gave the following statement:

**Commissioner Ajit Pai’s proposal for Gigabit Opportunity Zones was inspired by Jack Kemp’s market-driven enterprise zones concept 40 years ago. Gigabit Opportunity Zones have considerable promise as part of the toolkit that could ensure that all Americans - especially those who need broadband the most to lift them out of poverty - are afforded access.**

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