



## Press Statement

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### **MMTC Congratulates Commissioner Ajit Pai on His Selection as FCC Chairman; Pai to Speak at MMTC's Broadband and Social Justice Summit February 7th**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. (January 20, 2016):** The Multicultural Media, Telecom and Internet Council (MMTC) warmly congratulates FCC Commissioner Ajit Pai on his reported selection as chairman of the agency.

MMTC President and CEO Kim Keenan issued the following statement:

Since becoming a commissioner in 2012, Commissioner Pai has been on the right side of a number of issues supported by MMTC, including a host of practical approaches to advancing diversity and inclusion, relaxation of the broadcast foreign investment rules, and authorization of FM translators for struggling AM stations. His proposals for incentivizing broadband investment in underserved communities are grounded in the best work of Jack Kemp. Moreover, he has demonstrated a willingness to consider moving away from "silos" in communication industries toward platform neutrality – a theme that originated with former FCC Chairman Bill Kennard. This outlook has the potential to open the doors to ownership opportunities for people of color.

Ajit Pai has demonstrated that he is an innovative, knowledgeable, and fair Commissioner whose door is open to hear all sides of an issue. We look forward to working with him as we continue our 30-year mission of promoting policies that advance diversity in media, telecom, and tech ownership; close the digital divide; and ensure equal access to opportunity for all Americans.

Chairman Pai will speak at the FCC Commissioners' Breakfast at MMTC's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Broadband and Social Justice Summit February 7<sup>th</sup>. For more information, visit [mmtconline.org/bbsj-summit-2017](http://mmtconline.org/bbsj-summit-2017).

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#### **About MMTC:**

The Multicultural Media, Telecom and Internet Council (MMTC) is a non-partisan, national nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting and preserving equal opportunity and social justice in the mass media, telecom and broadband industries, and closing the digital divide. MMTC is generally recognized as the nation's leading advocate for multicultural advancement in communications.