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FCC Chairman Ajit Pai To Address ACA #Summit24 Attendees

PITTSBURGH, March 17, 2017 - The American Cable Association announced today that Federal Communications Commission Chairman Ajit Pai will address ACA's 24th annual policy summit in Washington, D.C. Chairman Pai is scheduled to speak Thursday, March 30, at 8 a.m., ahead of ACA's messaging day on Capitol Hill.



FCC Chairman Ajit Pai

"ACA is thrilled that Chairman Pai will be speaking at the ACA Summit later this month so that its smaller broadband and video provider members and other attendees can hear firsthand his plans to create a pro-growth and pro-investment regulatory environment.

Chairman Pai has long recognized and appreciated the important role that smaller providers play in deploying high-performance broadband networks in small communities and rural areas and in bringing competition to urban areas. Moreover, he understands that regulations can be disproportionately costly for smaller providers and they deter them from investing to meet their customers' needs. ACA members have spent billions on their networks over the past decade, and, as these smaller providers prepare to continue upgrading and expanding their networks, they are eager to hear from Chairman Pai about his plans for the FCC to remove barriers to growth and ensure broadband service is provided to all Americans as efficiently as possible."

In remarks Wednesday at Carnegie Mellon University here in Pittsburgh, Chairman Pai spoke to some of his agenda for the FCC. He said he wanted to use his time in office to close the digital divide and promote innovation, "helping to empower more Americans to change their own lives." ACA stands ready to help Chairman Pai achieve those compelling goals.

Previously announced speakers, all of whom are to appear on Wednesday, March 29, include:

- **House Republican Conference Chair Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-Wash.);**
- **Rep. Kurt Schrader (D-Ore.);** and
- **FCC Commissioner Michael O'Rielly.**

Pai was designated Chairman by President Donald J. Trump in January 2017. He had previously served as Commissioner at the FCC, appointed by then-President Barack Obama and confirmed unanimously by the United States Senate in May 2012. Renominated this month for a new five-year term to the FCC, he awaits confirmation by the U.S. Senate.

Chairman Pai graduated with honors from Harvard University in 1994 and from the University of Chicago Law School in 1997, where he was an editor of the University of Chicago Law Review and won the Thomas R. Mulroy Prize. In 2010, Pai was one of 55 individuals nationwide

chosen for the 2011 Marshall Memorial Fellowship, a leadership development initiative of the German Marshall Fund of the United States.

The son of immigrants from India, Chairman Pai grew up in Parsons, Kansas. He now lives in Arlington, Virginia, with his wife, Janine; son, Alexander; and daughter, Annabelle.

ACA Summit attendees may follow Chairman Pai on Twitter at [@AjitPaiFCC](#). His official FCC homepage is [here](#).

The ACA Summit is a special event where small and mid-sized cable operators serving hometown America connect with the leading lawmakers and regulators as well as media representatives on the communications policy beat in Washington, D.C. This year's summit coincides with the start of a new Congress and a new President in the White House focused on passing legislation designed to reduce regulatory burdens on communications providers and other businesses.

The ACA Summit website includes event details and secure online registration. Please visit the ACA Summit 2017 website by clicking here: [ACA Summit](#). The event will take place at the Grand Hyatt, 1000 H Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20001. This year's Summit is ACA's 24th annual "fly-in" to Washington with its members and, as such, will use the hashtag #Summit24 for all social media about the event.

ACA's more than 750 independent cable operators play a unique role in providing best-in-class communications services to millions of consumers, many living and working in rural areas of the country. Created in the early 1990s, the ACA Summit gives independent cable operators a vehicle for framing the diverse and complex issues in their own words during dozens of meetings on Capitol Hill and with regulators at the FCC.

About the American Cable Association: Based in Pittsburgh, the American Cable Association is a trade organization representing nearly 750 smaller and medium-sized, independent cable companies who provide broadband services for nearly 7 million cable subscribers primarily located in rural and smaller suburban markets across America. Through active participation in the regulatory and legislative process in Washington, D.C., ACA's members work together to advance the interests of their customers and ensure the future competitiveness and viability of their business. For more information, visit <http://www.americancable.org>

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