

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER ANNA M. GOMEZ**

Re: *Wireless Emergency Alerts; Amendments to Part 11 of the Commission's Rules Regarding the Emergency Alert System*, PS Docket Nos. 15-91 and 15-94, Seventh Report and Order and Eleventh Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (Feb. 27, 2025).

I am happy to see we are acting on an issue that will directly impact the lives of many Americans and has strong, bipartisan support. I want to thank the Public Safety Bureau for their work on this matter, and the Office of the Chairman for working with my office and Commissioner Starks to ensure that consumers are aware of the changes that are coming to devices marketed as “WEA-capable” so we can minimize confusion that may lead some consumers to believe will not have the ability to receive alerts without a new device.

And I also want to thank the Chairman for helping us highlight, in Footnote 95, that this new definition will not only include Spanish-language alerts but soon will also support the multilingual alert templates that we adopted on a bipartisan basis earlier this year, expanding alert access to 12 additional languages and American Sign Language.¹ I am looking forward to more of this kind of work at the Commission.

¹ *Wireless Emergency Alerts; Amendments to Part 11 of the Commission's Rules Regarding the Emergency Alert System*, PS Docket Nos. 15-91 and 15-94, Report and Order, DA-25-12 (2025).