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The Honorable Mike Doyle
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Communications and Technology
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Doyle:

Thank you for your letter regarding my designation as the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission. I am honored and grateful for the opportunity to lead this agency and serve the American people. As your letter makes clear, we share the same goals of ensuring that the FCC operates in a transparent, bipartisan, and collaborative manner that respects the dedicated and hardworking staff serving within the agency.

First, the Commission is a creature of Congress, and it is therefore important that we keep Congress informed about what the FCC is doing. I intend to reach out to Committee leadership, Committee Members and non-Committee Members in a bipartisan manner. In the same vein, I will continue to strive to be responsive to all Congressional inquiries to the extent that I can within the law and Commission rules.

Second, with regard to reaching consensus with my fellow Commissioners, as well as my interactions with Congress, I believe that the Commission is at its best when it proceeds on the basis of consensus and that good communications policy knows no partisan affiliation. As we move forward, I will do my best to hear all points of view—to approach every issue with a literal open door and a figurative open mind.

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Your thoughtful words and views are very important to me. They reflect my own views, and I look forward to working with you in my new role as Chairman. Please let me know if I can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,


Ajit Pai

P.S. Excited to work with you - notwithstanding your Steelers' decisive playoff victory over my woebegone Chiefs!



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P.S. I'm excited to collaborate with you and your excellent staff, including David Goldman, one of the best in the business!

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