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The Honorable Yvette D. Clarke  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2058 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Clarke:

Thank you for your letter regarding my designation as Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, the set-top box proceeding, and the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on "Promoting the Availability of Diverse and Independent Sources of Video Programming."

Because I do not believe that the set-top box *Order* circulated by my immediate predecessor furthered the goal of promoting a clear, consumer-focused, fair, and competitive regulatory path for video programming delivery, I removed it from circulation. It is no longer pending before the Commission, and I do not intend to resurrect it.

As for the independent programming proceeding, I share your goal of facilitating competition in the video distribution marketplace and a diverse media. Commission staff are reviewing the record in this proceeding, which closed on February 22, 2017. Once staff have completed this review, they will make a recommendation for next steps. I appreciate your letter submission, and will place it in the docket to be considered as part of our review.

Thank you for your interest in this issue and in addressing the digital divide—I would be delighted to meet with you to discuss my Digital Empowerment Agenda further. Please let me know if I can be of any additional assistance. I look forward to working with you on many important issues at the Commission.

Sincerely,

Ajit V. Pai

P.S. Congresswoman, it was terrific seeing you recently at the briefing! Thanks for all your work on FCC-related issues - from the matters described above to AM radio, you've made a much-appreciated mark. Look forward to collaborating with you going forward. (And I loved the dark green velvet jacket!)