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OFFICE OF
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May 3, 2017

The Honorable Kirsten Gillibrand
United States Senate
478 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Gillibrand:

Thank you for your letter regarding the petition filed by Westelcom Network, Inc. (Westelcom) for a limited waiver of the Commission's rules concerning the definition of a rural competitive local exchange carrier.

My top priority at the Commission is closing the digital divide and bringing new opportunities to rural Americans who have been waiting far too long for high-speed Internet access. I am pleased to report that the Commission has adopted with a unanimous vote an order granting this petition from Westelcom—an order that I hope will empower Westelcom to provide high-quality services to those who need them. I am attaching with this letter a copy of the adopted order providing relief for Westelcom in these extraordinary circumstances.

Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ajit V. Pai".

Ajit V. Pai

Enclosure



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The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
United States Senate
322 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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P.S. Senator, I appreciate your advocacy on behalf of upstate New York - most recently on this matter. My office particularly enjoyed working with Beatrice on this matter, and of course the always-dedicated Becca



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The Honorable Elise Stefanik
U.S. House of Representatives
318 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Stefanik:

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P.S. Congresswoman, thanks for your work on behalf of the 2nd District! It was a particular pleasure for our office to collaborate with Courtney and Tom to reach a good result on this matter.