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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON

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The Honorable Angus King
United States Senate
133 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator King:

Thank you for your letter supporting the appointment of Ms. Marie R. Sylla-Dixon, Vice President of Federal Government and External Affairs for T-Mobile USA, to serve on the Commission's Advisory Committee on Diversity and Digital Empowerment. We will certainly consider your recommendation and Ms. Sylla-Dixon's impressive resume as the Commission reviews nominations.

The mission of the Committee is to recommend how to empower disadvantaged communities and accelerate the entry of small businesses, including those owned by women and minorities, into the media, digital news and information, and audio and video programming industries, including as owners, suppliers, and employees. It is also to recommend how to ensure that disadvantaged communities are not denied the wide range of opportunities made possible by next-generation networks. This Committee is intended to provide an effective means for stakeholders with interests in these areas to exchange ideas and develop recommendations to the Commission to spur educational, economic, and civic development, and consumer access to digital technologies. The Committee's work is intended to enhance the Commission's ability to carry out its statutory responsibility to promote policies favoring diversity of media voices, localism, vigorous economic competition, technological advancement, and promotion of the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

I appreciate you taking the time to communicate your recommendation to me. 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