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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
U.S. House of Representatives
233 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Pelosi:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Restoring Internet Freedom Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) adopted by the Commission on May 18, 2017. I share your view on the importance of having a free and open Internet. And in this proceeding, the Commission is currently examining the best legal framework for both protecting Internet freedom and providing strong incentives for the private sector to build and expand next-generation networks so that all Americans can be connected to digital opportunity.

The FCC is in the midst of receiving public comment on this matter, and we will go where the facts and the law lead us. From the outset, I have encouraged broad public participation in this proceeding. And following the close of the comment cycle, we will take stock of the facts contained in the record and apply the law to those facts.

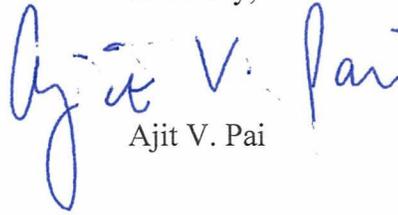
Because of our desire to make it easy for the public to file comments in this proceeding, we have avoided imposing obstacles that might otherwise prevent, limit, or discourage people from participating or expressing their views. Of course, we do not condone anyone who would take advantage of this open process to impersonate someone else's identity. However, once filed in the FCC's rulemaking record, there are limits on the agency's ability to delete, change, or otherwise remove comments from the record. Doing so could undermine the FCC's ability to carry out its legal obligation, which is to respond to all significant issues raised in the proceeding. To that end, we continue to encourage all members of the public to submit comments to the FCC via ECFS that include accurate identifying information. This will ensure that the record reflects their views. Consumers also are welcome to include their correspondence—including a statement that certain comments were not filed by them—in ECFS for the public record. The FCC has set up a webpage providing detailed and easy to follow instructions that can help consumers submit comments in the Restoring Internet Freedom proceeding via ECFS. That webpage can be found here: <https://www.fcc.gov/restoring-internet-freedom-comments-wc-docket-no-17-108>.

Your views are very important and will be entered into the record of the proceeding and considered as part of the Commission's review. I look forward to continuing to work with you

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and your colleagues on this critical issue. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ajit V. Pai". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A" and a long tail on the "i".

Ajit V. Pai