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August 9, 2018

The Honorable Ben Ray Luján
U.S. House of Representatives
2231 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Luján:

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the Farmington Municipal School District. I understand that Farmington covers hundreds of square miles of rural New Mexico, including portions of the Navajo Nation. Like other schools, it appears Farmington's efforts to build out fiber to serve its schoolchildren have been caught up in the several review processes that the Universal Service Administrative Company has launched to comply with the "cost effectiveness" requirement of the 2014 *Second E-Rate Modernization Order*.

I have asked our agency staff to prioritize the review of Farmington's appeal. I am hopeful that the staff will be able to review the record and provide a recommendation for moving forward in the near term, taking into account the E-Rate program's goal of connecting eligible schools and libraries while protecting the program from waste, fraud, and abuse.

I appreciate your interest in this matter. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Martin Heinrich
United States Senate
303 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

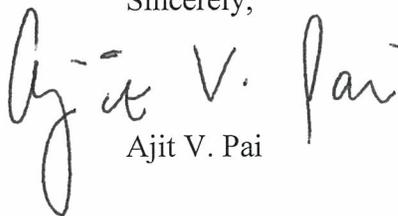
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The Honorable Senator Tom Udall
United States Senate
531 Hart Senate Office Building
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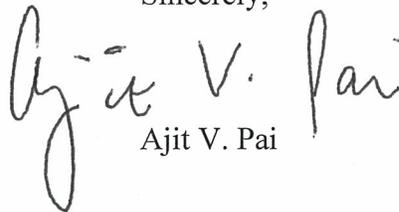
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