



FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF
THE CHAIRMAN

August 7, 2018

The Honorable Amy Klobuchar
United States Senate
302 Hart Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator Klobuchar:

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United States Senate
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The Honorable Catherine Cortez Masto
United States Senate
B40A Dirksen Senate Office Building
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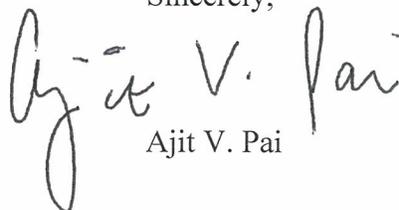
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255 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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United States Senate
317 Hart Senate Office Building
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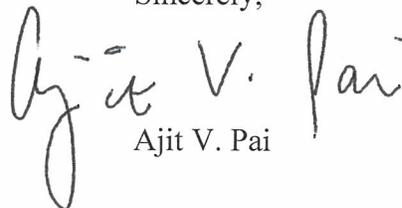
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The Honorable Jack Reed
United States Senate
728 Hart Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator Reed:

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

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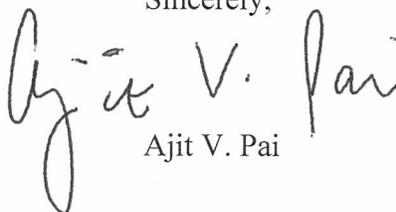
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United States Senate
B85 Russell Senate Office Building
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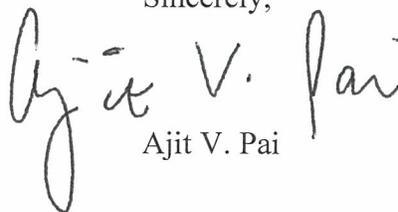
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United States Senate
706 Hart Senate Office Building
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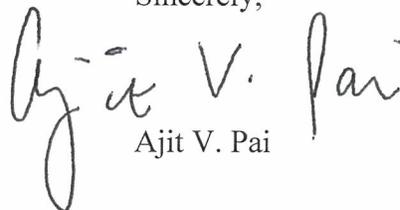
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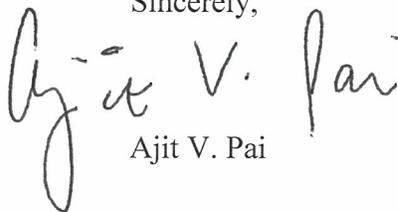
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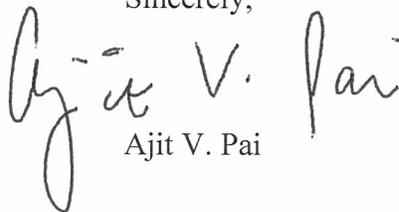
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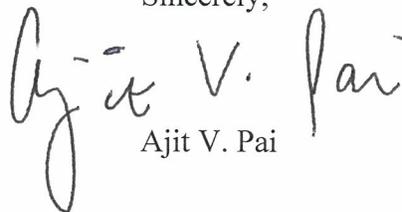
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Dear Senator Smith:

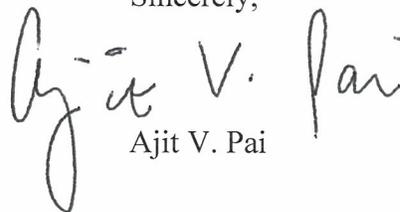
Thank you for your letter regarding the Telephone Consumer Protection Act. Unwanted robocalls are consumers' top complaint to the FCC, and we have accordingly made combating illegal robocalls our top consumer priority. We have aggressively enforced the TCPA as well as the Truth in Caller ID Act—leveling over \$200 million in proposed fines against illegal robocallers. We have authorized carriers to stop certain robocalls at the source while we pursue creation of a reassigned numbers database and a robust call-authentication framework. And we have been working with our colleagues at the Federal Trade Commission as well, hosting a policy forum in March and a tech expo in April.

In your letter, you urge the Commission to take quick action to clarify important issues under the TCPA. I agree that, in light of the decision of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia in *ACA International v. FCC*—which struck down much of the agency's *2015 TCPA Declaratory Ruling and Order*—it is time for the Commission to establish robust consumer protections in line with federal law. As I predicted in my dissent, the last Administration's order has left both American consumers and American businesses worse off. This cannot possibly be what Congress intended.

The Commission is now poised to examine and reconsider these issues. On May 14, 2018, the Commission sought comment on the definition of an "automatic telephone dialing system," the treatment of calls to reassigned wireless numbers, and the scope of a consumer's right to revoke prior express consent to receive robocalls. We also sought renewed comment on reconsidering the *Broadnet* decision and the *2016 Federal Debt Collection Rules*, as well as the interplay between the *Broadnet* decision and the Budget Act amendments. The comment and reply period closed on June 28, 2018, and Commission staff is now reviewing the record. We will be sure to include your comments in the record of the proceeding and take them into account as we move forward.

I look forward to working with my colleagues on addressing these issues while continuing our many other efforts to combat illegal robocalls. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,


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