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The Honorable John Thune  
Chairman  
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
United States Senate  
512 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

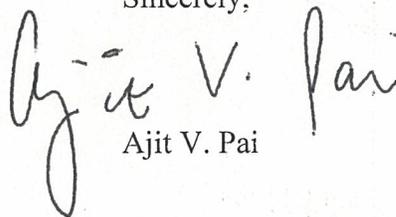
Dear Chairman Thune:

Thank you for your letter regarding unwanted robocalls. Unwanted robocalls are consumers' top complaint to the FCC, and we have accordingly made combating illegal robocalls a top priority. As you know, as part of our multiple-front battle against the scourge of robocalls, the Commission has been exploring ways to reduce unwanted robocalls to reassigned numbers. Earlier this year, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in *ACA International v. FCC* unanimously recognized this, and shortly after the court's decision we adopted the *Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* seeking comment on ways to address unwanted calls and texts to reassigned numbers.

In your letter, you suggest that the FCC make available a reassigned numbers database that includes key features, including comprehensiveness, accuracy, accessibility, security, efficiency and a safe harbor. In the *Notice*, we propose to ensure that businesses have access to one or more databases that contain the comprehensive and timely information they need to avoid calling reassigned numbers. In addition, we seek public input on whether and how the FCC should shield good-faith actors that rely on such a database from liability under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act. With a robust record, we hope to adopt an approach that's easy to use and cost effective for callers while minimizing the reporting burdens on service providers—and most importantly protects consumers. The comment and reply period closed on July 9, 2018, and Commission staff is now reviewing the record. Please be assured that we will take into consideration the issues and concerns presented by all stakeholders as the Commission concludes its review. I look forward to working with my colleagues on addressing these issues while continuing our many other efforts to combat illegal robocalls.

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

Sincerely,

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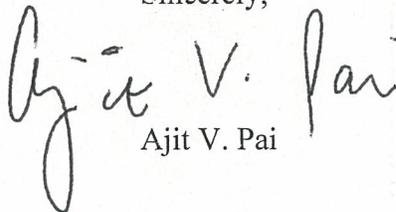
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