



FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF
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The Honorable Tom Cole
U.S. House of Representatives
2467 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Cole:

Thank you for your letter on the 3.7–4.2 GHz band, commonly called the C-band. I agree with you that our ability to intensify the use of this band is closely linked to gathering an accurate picture of how this spectrum is currently being used by incumbent earth stations and public radio stations.

That is exactly why Commission staff established a filing freeze on new applications for earth stations on April 19, 2018, and why stations have a 180-day window to register with the Commission and provide certain needed information (such as their locations) for us to proceed with this rulemaking. And that is why the Commission unanimously adopted at our July meeting an information collection targeted to better understanding the use of the band by existing satellite operators. With this information, the Commission hopes to be able to provide the assurances you request that “public radio’s indispensable programming services will be protected and unimpaired.”

Thank you for your continued interest in this matter. Your views are very important and will be entered into the record of the proceeding and considered as part of the Commission’s review. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ajit V. Pai". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A".

Ajit V. Pai