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The Honorable Ajit Pai
Chairman
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Dear Chairman Pai:

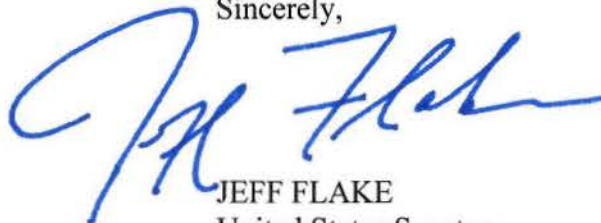
I write regarding the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) upcoming Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) related to the reimbursement of TV translator stations for costs incurred in relocating their television service due to the TV Incentive Auction, and its potential impact on my constituents in Mohave County.

As you may know, Mohave County is a large and sparsely-populated county in the northwestern region of Arizona. The county encompasses over 13,000 square miles and has just over 200,000 residents. Because of its remoteness, the county's board of supervisors made a determination decades ago to maintain a system of television translators to import distant signals from Phoenix and Las Vegas. Many of the residents in this area are retirees on fixed incomes. For these and numerous other county residents, the television service provided by the county's network of 46 translators is the only source of television programming and emergency alerts.

The Commission's reduction in Ultra High Frequency channels available for TV translators may leave displaced translator licensees without adequate channel capacity to effect relocation of their television service. However, it is my understanding that microwave relay stations can help avoid disruption and remedy the issue. I encourage you to take this into consideration when finalizing the NPRM.

As always, I ask that this matter be handled in strict accordance with existing agency rules, regulations, and ethical guidelines.

Sincerely,



JEFF FLAKE
United States Senator