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The Honorable Ajit Pai  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: **MB Docket No. 18-214**  
**GN Docket No. 12-268**

Dear Chairman Pai:

I write to request assistance with an issue affecting my constituents in Mohave County, Arizona. The issue concerns reimbursement for expenses the County will incur for microwave relay stations needed to preserve the television service provided by the County's television translators.

Mohave County is one of the largest and most sparsely-populated in the United States. In size it is similar to all of the New England states put together, yet the population is only about 200,000. Because there is only one television station serving this very large area, the Board of Supervisors decided years ago to establish a network of TV translators which could provide free, over-the-air television from distant stations in Phoenix and Las Vegas. Many County residents, especially retirees on fixed incomes, rely on this system for their only source of television and emergency alert information.

With the continued reallocation of UHF television spectrum to communications carriers, the channels available to the County for displacement have been greatly reduced, to the point where at some of its translator stations, there is a risk of mutual interference. In order to avoid the interference, and maintain the existing television service as the County changes channels, it is necessary that the County make use of microwave relay stations.

In March, the Reimbursement Expansion Act ("REA") was enacted. The REA provides for reimbursement of "costs reasonably incurred by a television translator station or low power television station on or after January 1, 2017, in order for such station to relocate its television service from one channel to another channel or otherwise modify its facility as a result of the reorganization of broadcast television spectrum." 47 U.S.C Section 1452(k)(1).

The Commission has issued a draft Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (DOC-352541) which looks toward the adoption of rules for implementation of the REA; that Notice is to be finalized at the meeting on August 2. Unfortunately, the draft Notice fails to contain any mention of reimbursement for microwave relays used by the County and other rural translator licensees.

I strongly urge the Commission to correct this omission. Failure to provide reimbursement for microwave relay stations defeats the purpose of the legislation which is to ensure that translator licensees can "relocate [their] television service" to other channels: Absent microwave relays, my constituents will suffer disruption in their television service -- not its preservation as contemplated by the REA. Certainly, this issue deserves to be included in the Notice.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul A. Gosar, D.D.S." The signature is stylized with a large, looped initial "P" and a long, sweeping underline.

Paul A. Gosar, D.D.S.  
Member of Congress

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