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The Honorable Ajit Pai
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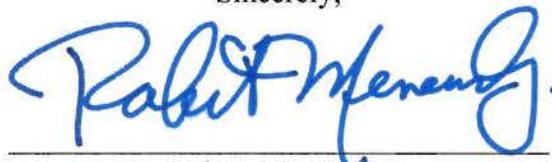
Mr. Randy Falco
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Dear Chairman Pai, Mr. Carlson and Mr. Falco,

I write to express my concerns with the recent media reports of an ongoing retransmission dispute between Univision and Dish Network. A potential blackout of a major Spanish language content producer limits the diversity in programming available to the Latino community. Furthermore, in light of the recent family separation crisis happening at our southern border, I believe that a potential blackout of Univision's new coverage could have a negative impact for non-English speaking families seeking information about their relatives.

I make no representations as to the merits of either side's position, as they are contractual discussions between private parties. However, I encourage both parties to engage in good faith negotiations to resolve this issue. I also request that the FCC monitor these negotiations so that they can be concluded in an equitable and expeditious manner. The Latino community should not be unfairly disadvantaged as a result of this dispute. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Robert Menendez
United States Senator