



FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON

November 26, 2018

OFFICE OF  
THE CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Cory Booker  
United States Senate  
359 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Booker:

Thank you for your letter regarding the recent unanimous decision of the Commission to renew the license of WWOR-TV. The Commission's thorough 27-page order explains why under federal law and our Constitution the agency reached this decision. Among other things, the order exhaustively reviewed the evidence provided by WWOR-TV showing that it had met its legal obligations. Even the evidence presented by those seeking denial of the license renewal ultimately supported the finding that WWOR-TV significantly covered New-Jersey-centric issues, including New Jersey politics.

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Thank you for your interest in the Commission's work. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

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Ajit V. Pai



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