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The Honorable Gregg Harper  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2227 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Harper:

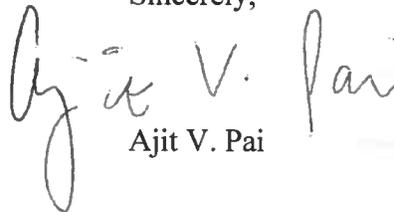
Thank you for your letter regarding the importance of keeping in mind the impact that the Commission's media regulations have on rural communities. I agree with you that our nation's rural and small communities face significant challenges when it comes to some FCC rules and regulations. This is why I have made it a priority during my tenure as Chairman to help ensure that the Commission's rules do not impose unnecessary burdens on those providing service to rural America.

The Commission's Modernization of Media Regulation Initiative (MB Docket No. 17-105) is a major part of that effort. I believe that modernization of our rules is necessary to better promote the public interest and provide for more competition, innovation, and investment in the media sector. And we've already heard from rural broadcasters and others that rural America stands to benefit from our actions. Each modification, or repeal, of unnecessary regulation will allow companies to put more of their limited resources into better serving their communities.

Our review of media rules, including the children's television programming rules, is still ongoing. Your views are important and will be entered into the record of these proceedings and considered as part of the Commission's review. I look forward to working with you to ensure small and rural communities benefit from the FCC's actions.

Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ajit V. Pai". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ajit" being the most prominent.

Ajit V. Pai