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The Honorable Bob Goodlatte  
Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2138 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Goodlatte:

Thank you for your letter in support of the FCC's recent efforts to crack down on abusive and illegal robocalls. Unwanted robocalls are consumers' top complaint to the FCC, and we have accordingly made combating illegal robocalls our top consumer protection priority. We have aggressively enforced the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA) as well as the Truth in Caller ID Act—leveling over \$200 million in proposed fines against illegal robocallers. We have authorized carriers to stop certain robocalls at the source while we pursue creation of a reassigned numbers database and a robust call-authentication framework. And we have been working with our colleagues at the Federal Trade Commission as well, hosting a policy forum in March and a tech expo in April.

In your letter, you urge the Commission to take quick action to clarify important issues under the TCPA. I agree that in light of the decision of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in *ACA International v. FCC*—which struck down much of the previous Administration's *2015 TCPA Declaratory Ruling and Order*—the Commission should establish robust consumer protections consistent with federal law. As I predicted in my dissent, the last Administration's order has left both American consumers and businesses worse off. This cannot possibly be what Congress intended.

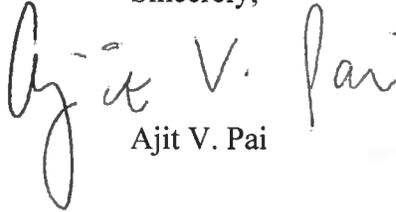
The Commission is now poised to examine and reconsider these issues. Earlier this year, we sought comment on the definition of an "automatic telephone dialing system," the treatment of calls to reassigned wireless numbers, and the scope of a consumer's right to revoke prior express consent to receive robocalls (the three primary issues raised in the *ACA International* decision). We also sought renewed comment on reconsidering the *Broadnet* decision and the 2016 federal debt collection rules, as well as the interplay between *Broadnet* and the Budget Act amendments. Commission staff is now reviewing the record that's been compiled on these issues.

I look forward to working with my colleagues on addressing these issues while continuing our many other efforts to combat illegal robocalls. We will be sure to include your

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comments in the record of the proceeding and take them into account as we move forward. 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 written in a cursive style with a large initial "A" and a long tail on the "i".

Ajit V. Pai