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The Honorable Roy Blunt
United States Senate
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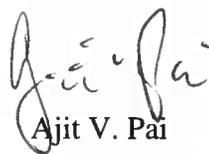
Dear Senator Blunt:

Thank you for your letter regarding the petition for reconsideration filed by Grand River Mutual Telephone Corporation (Grand River) seeking review of the Commission's *2018 Rate-of-Return Report and Order and NPRM*. On December 12, 2018, the Commission adopted an Order on Reconsideration denying Grand River's petition, finding that the petition effectively came two years too late.

The petition requested an increase in Alternative Connect America Model (A-CAM) support for 747 locations, effectively asking the Commission to revise Grand River's A-CAM eligible census blocks that the Commission had established two years ago in the *2016 Rate-of-Return Reform Order*. Since that 2016 order, the Commission has not sought comment on or otherwise indicated in any way that it would allow changes, modifications, or adjustments to funded locations for authorized A-CAM carriers. In addition, the Commission reiterated that under the terms of the A-CAM offer, carriers like Grand River could not resubmit previously filed data to reduce their own reported fiber or cable coverage. Although the Commission could not grant relief in this case, I can assure you that its consideration involved a fair and comprehensive examination of the issues and concerns presented by all stakeholders.

I appreciate your interest in this matter. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,


Ajit V. Pai

Hope to see you in Missouri in 2019!