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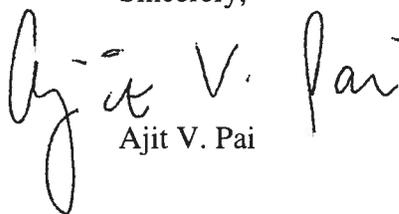
The Honorable Doug Jones  
United States Senate  
326 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Jones:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Universal Service Administrative Company's decision to delay and review E-Rate funding for Alabama Supercomputer's contract with CSRA State and Local Solutions, LLC. Per your request, I asked the Commission's Wireline Competition Bureau, among others, to look into the matter. Staff have explained to me that the delay in funding is due to a Special Compliance Review, triggered by concerns that Alabama Supercomputer has not complied with the E-Rate program's competitive bidding rules. Indeed, I understand that the Universal Service Administrative Company has issued a decision this week finding significant violations of those rules. Should Alabama Supercomputer disagree with that decision, our rules spell out an appeals process, including eventual review by Commission staff.

I appreciate your attention to this matter. 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".  
Ajit V. Pai