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The Honorable Deb Fischer
United States Senate
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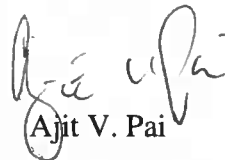
Dear Senator Fischer:

Thank you for your letter supporting the appointment of Wyatt Leehy of Great Plains Communications to serve on the Disaster Response and Recovery Working Group of the FCC's Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee (BDAC). I am impressed with Mr. Leehy's credentials and pleased to inform you that I appointed him to serve on this new and important BDAC working group.

Disaster response and recovery is one of my priorities, and I believe it is critical that we identify and adopt policies that will improve the resiliency of broadband infrastructure and ensure speedy restoration of broadband networks following a disaster. That's why I announced the formation of the BDAC's Disaster Response and Recovery Working Group in July—to make recommendations to the Commission on measures that can be taken to improve the resiliency of broadband infrastructure before a disaster occurs, formulate strategies that can be used during the response to a disaster to minimize the downtime of broadband networks, and suggest actions that can be taken to more quickly restore broadband infrastructure during disaster recovery. I have also charged the group with developing best practices among broadband wireless providers, backhaul providers, and electric utilities during and after a disaster.

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

Sincerely,


Ajit V. Pai

Senator, a very happy New Year to you, yours,
and everyone in Valentine!