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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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The Honorable Ron Wyden
United States Senate
221 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Wyden:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Commission's implementation of the National Suicide Hotline Improvement Act of 2018. The Act directs the FCC to coordinate with the Department of Health and Human Services' Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and the North American Numbering Council in conducting a study examining the feasibility of designating a simple, easy-to-remember, three-digit dialing code to be used for a national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline system. The Act also requires us to produce a report recommending whether a particular N11 dialing code or simple, easy-to-remember, three-digit dialing code should be used for a national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline system and, if so, the logistics and costs associated with designating such a dialing code, among other issues.

The Commission has begun its implementation of the Act. The North American Numbering Council is already studying the issue. And on December 10, 2018, the Wireline Competition Bureau issued a Public Notice seeking input from interested stakeholders on the issues that the Commission must address in the study and the report required by the statute. As we advance our statutory mission, we will be mindful of your concerns, which will be entered into the record of the proceeding.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ajit V. Pai".

Ajit V. Pai