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The Honorable John Kennedy  
United States Senate  
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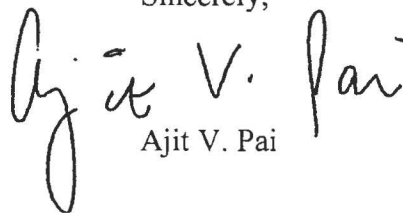
Dear Senator Kennedy:

Thank you for your letter concerning the Federal Communications Commission's ongoing rulemaking related to spectrum in the 3.7-4.2 GHz band, commonly called the "C-band." In the C-band proceeding, we are aiming to balance a number of interests. One of those interests is American leadership in 5G, the next generation of wireless connectivity. C-band spectrum could provide significant benefits as we enter the world of 5G. It offers both geographic coverage and the capacity to transmit large amounts of data—a combination that is appealing to entrepreneurs and wireless consumers alike. Another interest involves the appropriate treatment of those entities that currently rely on C-band-delivered services. In particular, we recognize that broadcasters and cable operators rely on this spectrum for the delivery of services that consumers rely upon.

The complex interests in the C-band explain why the FCC is exploring a wide range of options, including the market-based option you discussed. We want to consider all possibilities in order to maximize the C-band's public benefits.

Thank you once again for your letter, which will be entered into the record of this proceeding and will be considered as part of the Commission's review. 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 fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ajit" being the most prominent.

Ajit V. Pai