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The Honorable Doug Collins
U.S. House of Representatives
1504 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Collins:

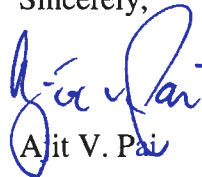
Thank you for your letter regarding the market modification proceedings involving Franklin, Hart, Stephens, and Elbert Counties in your district. I understand how important in-state local news and information is to American consumers, including those who live in "orphan" counties where such in-state programming may be limited.

As you noted, the Media Bureau has already granted three out of the four petitions that were filed. The Commission is currently examining Applications for Review (essentially appealing the Bureau's decision to the full Commission) with respect to the approval of the petitions involving Franklin and Hart Counties.

The Bureau granted the petition involving Stephens County on April 4, 2019, and we are currently within the 30-day period during which entities may challenge this decision. Finally, on April 5, the Bureau issued a Public Notice with respect to the Elbert County petition, establishing a 30-day period for public comment. The Media Bureau has until August 5 to act on this particular petition.

Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance. Your letter will be made part of the record of each of the proceedings.

Sincerely,



Ajit V. Pai

P.S. Congressman, always a pleasure to hear from you. Thanks for your support and your hospitality during my visit to Dahlonega! I hope to catch up again, either in Washington or the Ninth District.