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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON

April 29, 2019

The Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart
U.S. House of Representatives
440 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Diaz-Balart:

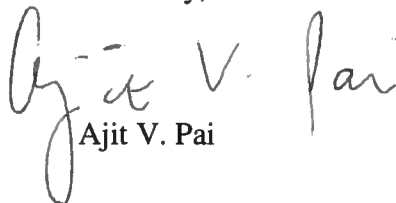
Thank you for your letter regarding the upcoming auction of competing applications for low power TV (LPTV) displacement channels. I understand the important service that LPTV stations can provide to their local communities. That is why the Commission has acted to help these secondary LPTV stations to the extent that we can as the TV channel repack is completed.

Thousands of displacement applications filed by LPTV stations last year have been processed and only a handful of mutually-exclusive groups of applications have thus far failed to reach a settlement. The Communications Act requires that the remaining mutually exclusive applications be subject to competitive bidding unless they reach a settlement. The Commission has auction rules in place that apply to all competitive bidding situations, including bidding credit provisions for certain specific categories of applicants such as small businesses and tribal entities. Consistent with our obligations under the Constitution, these rules are content-neutral and can be objectively applied.

I'm pleased to report to you that on March 29, the Commission released a detailed Public Notice seeking comment on auction procedures to resolve the remaining mutually-exclusive LPTV displacement applications. And we have scheduled an auction to start on September 10, 2019, for any remaining mutually exclusive applications.

Thank you again for your inquiry. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Robert Menendez
United States Senate
528 Hart Senate Office Building
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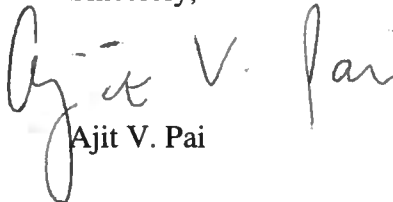
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