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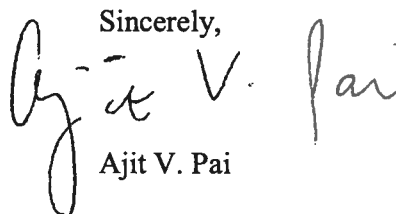
The Honorable John Cornyn
United States Senate
517 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Cornyn:

Thank you for your letter concerning the FCC's work to "make spectrum available for commercial use, especially for next generation 5G mobile broadband," in the 900 MHz band. Over 30 years ago, this band was designated for narrowband communications like two-way dispatch radios used by business, industrial, and land transportation licensees. Under my leadership, the FCC has proposed to make a segment of the 900 MHz band available for broadband, which will improve the user experience. The Commission has also proposed to authorize a market-driven, voluntary exchange process that would allow existing licensees to agree on a plan for relocating incumbents and transitioning the band—smoothing out, in an economically and technically sound way, the transition from point A to point B. I welcome your support for our efforts, and I (like you) look forward to completion of reconfiguration of this band.

I also agree with you that we must minimize any harmful interference that new operations in this band would cause to incumbents like the Lower Colorado River Authority. Mission-critical public-safety communications must be protected. Our staff at the FCC are hard at work to mitigate any disruptions that a reconfiguration of this band may cause, and I am confident that we can move forward in a manner that protects incumbents while maximizing the use of this spectrum for the American public.

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

Sincerely,

Ajit V. Pai



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The Honorable Michael McCaul
U.S. House of Representatives
2001 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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United States Senate
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