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May 30, 2019

The Honorable Roger Wicker
Chairman
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
United States Senate
512 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Wicker:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Federal Communications Commission's ongoing work to allocate more spectrum for 5G, and in particular, mid-band spectrum. I agree that mid-band spectrum is critical to the development and deployment of 5G services. That's why the Commission is working on several fronts to ensure the availability of mid-band spectrum, including the under-utilized 2.5 GHz band, the 3.5 GHz band, and the 4.9 GHz band.

And we have taken particular care to address potential 5G spectrum in the 3.7-4.2 GHz band, commonly called the "C-band." For instance, we authorized the collection of additional information from the band's current users, with responses due on May 28, 2019, and recently sought comment on the Commission's authority to employ auction- and market-based clearing mechanisms that were teed up in our notice of proposed rulemaking. I personally have been meeting with a variety of stakeholders to solicit their views on the appropriate way forward. The input we receive will enable us to move forward as soon as possible—aided in part by the MOBILE NOW Act, which as you note encourages the FCC to focus on this band.

I look forward to continuing to work with you on these matters. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,


Ajit V. Pai

Mr. Chairman, thank you for weighing in! Hope all is well with you and your team.



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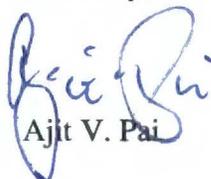
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Mr. Chairman, grateful to you and your team for all the support of late - from this issue to the rate floor, we appreciate it!