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The Honorable Jim Himes
U.S. House of Representatives
1227 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Himes:

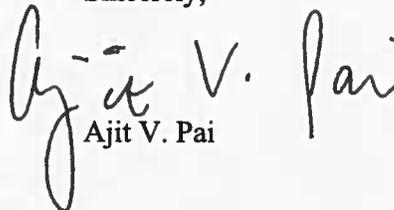
Thank you for your letter regarding the Commission's efforts to clarify rules under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA). As you wrote, "financial institutions must be able to contact their customers quickly to alert them to fraud on their account. Phone calls and text messages placed for this purpose serve consumers' interests and can be conveyed most efficiently and reliably by automated calls to consumers' telephones, which increasingly are wireless devices."

This raises the question about the TCPA regulatory framework following a decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, which struck down much of the Commission's *2015 TCPA Declaratory Ruling and Order*.

After the court's decision, we sought public input on the issues raised in that case, including how to interpret the statutory definition of autodialer, the treatment of calls to reassigned wireless numbers, and the scope of a consumer's right to revoke prior express consent to receive robocalls. We also sought comment on TCPA-related issues potentially relevant to your inquiry and others related to debt collection rules and the applicability of the TCPA to federal contractors. Commission staff continue to review the record we compiled and will help formulate a recommendation on the appropriate next steps. I will make sure that your letter is made part of the record of the proceeding.

Thank you again for your letter, and please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,


Ajit V. Pai