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December 3, 2019

The Honorable Anna G. Eshoo  
U.S. House of Representatives  
202 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

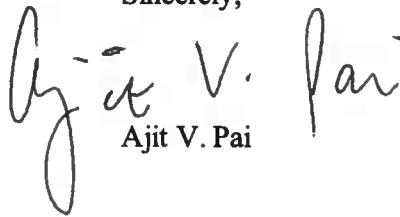
Dear Congresswoman Eshoo:

Thank you for your letter expressing concerns about whether WZHF(AM), Capitol Heights, Maryland, which serves the Washington, DC area, is properly disclosing the sponsor of its programming, as required by the Commission's sponsorship identification rules. I understand the importance of ensuring that consumers are aware of the sponsorship of paid programming.

Last year, after receiving requests from you, I directed the Enforcement Bureau to issue letters of inquiry to broadcast licensees that air RT and/or Sputnik programming and compel them to provide additional information regarding any issue that may be within the FCC's jurisdiction, including sponsorship identification disclosures. At this point, the Bureau's inquiry is ongoing. As indicated last year, the Bureau will take the appropriate action depending on the facts that emerge from that inquiry.

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

Sincerely,

  
Ajit V. Pai



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The Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2136 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

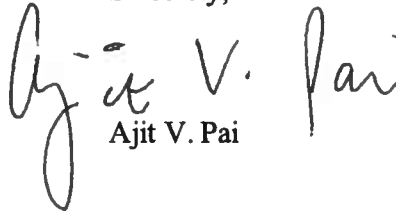
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The Honorable Jerry McNerney  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2265 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

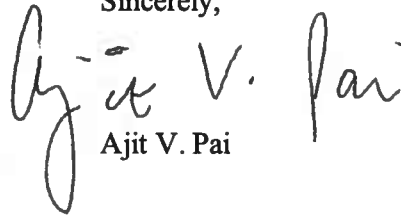
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The Honorable Norma J. Torres  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2444 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

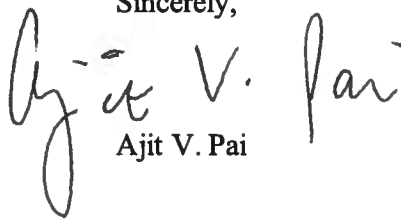
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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ajit V. Pai". The signature is stylized, with the first name "Ajit" written in a large, flowing script, and "V. Pai" written in a smaller, more formal script.

Ajit V. Pai



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The Honorable Yvette D. Clarke  
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2058 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

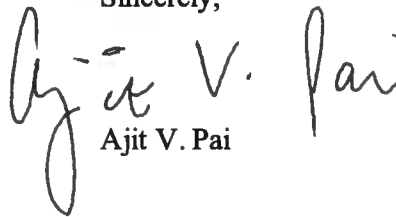
Dear Congresswoman Clarke:

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