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

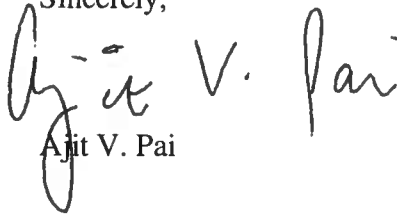
Dear Chairman Wicker:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Television Viewer Protection Act of 2019 (TVPA) and its requirement that the Commission modify its retransmission consent rules to cover negotiations involving qualified MVPD buying groups and large TV station groups. I agree that this is an important issue to address in an expeditious manner.

I am pleased to note that the Commission unanimously adopted a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on January 31, 2020, that seeks to collect comment on a few discrete issues before taking final action to implement new rules. I recognize that Congress placed a short time period for implementation, and we will endeavor to implement the provisions of the TVPA as soon as possible.

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

Sincerely,


Ajit V. Pai