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The Honorable John N. Kennedy
United States Senate
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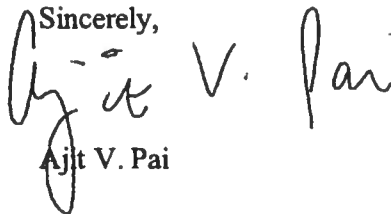
Dear Senator Kennedy:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Commission's work to reallocate C-band spectrum for flexible terrestrial use and assign that spectrum through a public auction. As we move forward, we will endeavor to keep members and staff of the Senate and House Appropriations and Commerce Committees apprised of our progress in a timely matter. For example, on January 22, our team had the opportunity to discuss with your staffer, John Steitz, various issues involved in the C-band proceeding.

As you know, in November 2019, I announced my support for the Commission to conduct a public auction of 280 MHz of the C-band spectrum. I appreciate your support for this decision. In order for this public auction to commence before the year's end, I intend to circulate this week to my colleagues a draft *C-band Order* as well as an *Auction Procedures Comment Public Notice*, and will ask my fellow Commissioners to consider and vote on these items at the Commission's upcoming Open Meeting on February 28. Each item represents a critical procedural step toward a 2020 auction, and ultimately toward the repurposing the C-band spectrum so that it can be used to provide next-generation wireless services to the American people.

I appreciate your interest in this matter. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,



Ajit V. Pai