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The Honorable Deb Fischer
United States Senate
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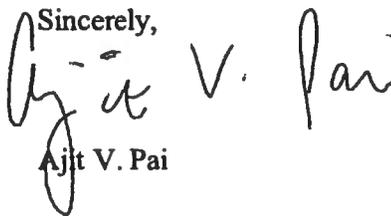
Dear Senator Fischer:

Thank you for your letter urging the Commission to move forward to complete the 6 GHz rulemaking. I agree with you that unlicensed spectrum is an important testbed for innovation and entrepreneurship. That is one of the reasons why we have proposed allowing unlicensed operations in this particular band; the wide channels it could accommodate could dramatically expand the range of services available to consumers and enable innovators to think big as they develop the applications of the future. And this approach is sound not just as a matter of policy but law; as your letter noted, among our obligations under the MOBILE NOW Act is to identify unlicensed spectrum opportunities below 8 GHz.

At the same time, I have consistently stated that we will protect the incumbents in the 6 GHz band. These incumbents deliver valuable services as well, and they require use of the band to continue doing so.

At the end of the day, our decision on how to best use the 6 GHz band will be driven by a simple test: What is in the public interest? We'll answer that question not by reference to politics or press releases, but physics. In that regard, we've relied heavily on the career staff in our Office of Engineering and Technology. I have every confidence that they are up to the task of helping assess the appropriate path forward, given their multi-decade track record in resolving complex spectrum matters. I look forward to receiving their recommendations and acting expeditiously on their final analysis of the record in this proceeding.

I will keep you apprised of this matter as we move forward. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

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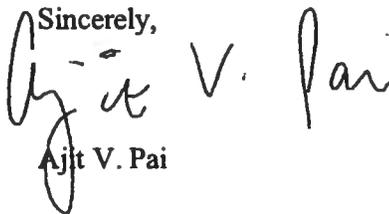
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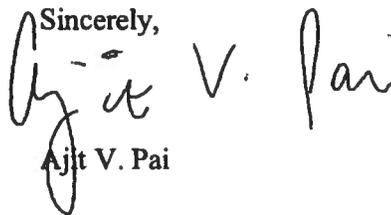
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