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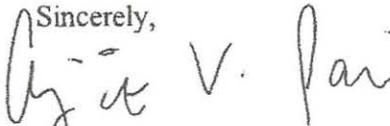
The Honorable Kelly Armstrong
U.S. House of Representatives
1004 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Armstrong:

Closing the digital divide is a priority each of us share, and I like you am proud of the role that small, rural carriers play in accomplishing that goal. In that regard, thank you for your letter regarding a petition filed by Red River Telephone Association. Red River, which was authorized to begin receiving Alternative Connect America Model II support in August 2019, requests that the Commission revise its offer of model support to include additional areas as eligible.

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

Sincerely,

Ajit V. Pai



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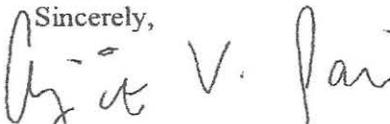
The Honorable Kevin Cramer
United States Senate
400 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable John Hoeven
United States Senate
338 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Hoeven:

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ajit V. Pai". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A".

Ajit V. Pai