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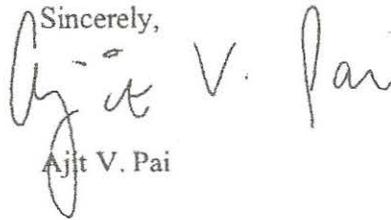
The Honorable Roger Wicker  
Chairman  
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
United States Senate  
512 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Wicker:

I appreciate your support for the Commission's continued effort to make more mid-band spectrum available for 5G, and our ongoing work on the 3.7-4.2 GHz band, commonly called the C-band. The Commission continues to work to reallocate C-band spectrum for flexible terrestrial use and to assign that spectrum through a public auction. This proceeding is critical to maintaining U.S. leadership in 5G, and I am grateful for and share your desire to ensure that this proceeding benefits American consumers and the U.S. economy.

To that end, I am pleased to report we are on track to commence a public auction of 280 megahertz of mid-band spectrum in the C-band (3.7-3.98 GHz) beginning December 8, 2020. The FCC's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau announced earlier this month that it had secured commitments from all five eligible satellite operators—Intelsat, SES, Telesat, Eutelsat, and Star One—to meet an accelerated clearing timeline, paving the way for faster 5G deployment in the C-band. Getting this essential spectrum out into the marketplace years ahead of schedule will promote American leadership in 5G, faster and more reliable wireless broadband connectivity for consumers, and the creation of millions of jobs, billions of dollars in investment, and stronger economic growth.

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

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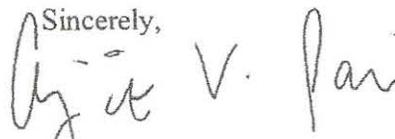
The Honorable John Thune  
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