



FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF  
THE CHAIRMAN

January 15, 2021

The Honorable Marco Rubio  
United States Senate  
284 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Rubio:

Thank you for your letter concerning Section 230 of the Communications Act of 1934. As I have previously stated, a bipartisan consensus has developed in Congress to reform Section 230, and members of Congress, the Executive, and the judiciary have all expressed serious concern about the scope of the statute's immunity protections as currently interpreted by the courts.

I indicated in October 2020 an intent to move forward with a rulemaking to interpret Section 230, consistent with advice from the FCC's General Counsel that the agency has the legal authority to interpret the provision as currently written. Given the pending change in administration, however, I will not be able to complete that rulemaking before I step down as Chairman and depart the agency on January 20, 2021. Therefore, further action on this important issue will have to come from Congress or future FCC leadership.

Sincerely,

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