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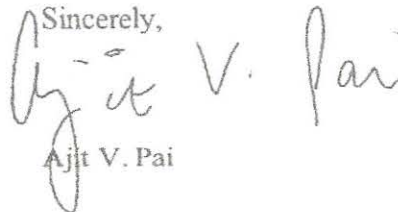
Dear Congresswoman Eshoo:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Commission's consideration of the *Restoring Internet Freedom Order on Remand*.

On October 27, 2020, the Commission adopted an Order on Remand in response to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit's remand of three discrete issues for further consideration by the FCC regarding its 2017 *Restoring Internet Freedom Order*. Specifically, the court asked the FCC to evaluate any impacts that its reclassification of broadband as an information service and elimination of conduct rules might have on public safety, pole attachment regulations, and the inclusion of broadband in the universal service Lifeline program. After thoroughly reviewing the record compiled in response to its request for additional comment on these issues, the FCC found no basis to alter its conclusions in the *Restoring Internet Freedom Order*.

Protecting public safety, particularly during emergencies and times of need, is a vital goal of the Commission and one of my main priorities as Chairman. The Order on Remand concluded that the *Restoring Internet Freedom Order* not only promotes public safety, but also facilitates broadband infrastructure deployment by Internet service providers. Robust broadband networks are critical for enabling communication among public safety entities and between these entities and the public. The pandemic has put our broadband networks to the test with unprecedented increases in traffic. Our networks have passed the test—handling the increased demand without throttling download speeds for public safety entities or consumers—as a result of light-touch regulation that has promoted substantial investment infrastructure and deployment.

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

Sincerely,

Ajit V. Pai