

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION WASHINGTON

April 19, 2024

The Honorable Ben Ray Lujan United States Senate 498 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Lujan:

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I appreciate your interest in this matter and a copy of your letter will be placed in the record of the proceeding. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Mark Kelly United States Senate 516 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

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