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The Honorable Chris Van Hollen
United States Senate
B40C Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Van Hollen:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Restoring Internet Freedom Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) adopted by the Commission on May 18, 2017. I share your view on the importance of having a free and open Internet. And in this proceeding, the Commission made a determination that Title I of the Communications Act provides the best legal framework for both protecting Internet freedom and providing strong incentives for investment in the next-generation networks that will bring digital opportunity to all Americans, including the start-ups and entrepreneurs you refer to in your letter.

Your views are very important and were considered as part of the Commission's review. I look forward to continuing to work with you and your colleagues on this critical issue. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ajit V. Pai".

Ajit V. Pai