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THE CHAIRMAN

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The Honorable Eliot L. Engel  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2462 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Engel:

Thank you for your letter supporting the appointment of Emily Proskine Hurd, Member of the City Council of Rye, New York, to serve on the Commission's Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee (BDAC). We will certainly consider your recommendation and Ms. Hurd's impressive resume if the Commission makes any further appointments to the BDAC or its working groups.

In September 2017, I proposed a Digital Empowerment Agenda—a blueprint of policies that would accelerate the deployment of high-speed Internet access in communities across the country. That's why at my first open meeting as FCC Chairman, I announced the establishment of the BDAC. The mission of the BDAC is to identify regulatory barriers to infrastructure investment and to make recommendations on reducing and/or removing them, which will in turn enhance the Commission's ability to carry out its statutory responsibility to encourage broadband deployment to all Americans. The BDAC is a crucial component of our efforts to close the digital divide for the many Americans that lack sufficient high-speed Internet access and it has already provided a great deal of useful advice to the Commission as we continue to pursue those efforts.

I appreciate your taking the time to communicate your recommendation to me. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ajit V. Pai".

Ajit V. Pai