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Ajit V. Pai
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Pai:

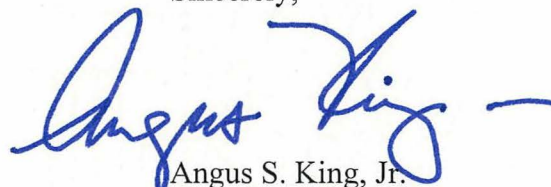
I am writing in support of the application of Marie R. Sylla-Dixon, Vice President of Federal Government and External Affairs for T-Mobile USA, to serve on the Federal Communication Commission's Advisory Committee on Diversity and Digital Empowerment.

Marie has been tireless in advancing the values of diversity, inclusion, and digital empowerment, and initiatives to make advanced wireless technologies accessible to all Americans. She has been a strong advocate in our ongoing efforts to connect unserved communities and has advanced policies that will help narrow the digital divide. Marie was instrumental in the telecom industry's partnership with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to support the ConnectHome Program, connecting unserved families with school-age children living in HUD-assisted housing to the Internet. She has advised on Senate diversity initiatives and promoted diverse hiring practices in both the public and private sectors.

Marie's proven commitment to diversity, inclusion and digital empowerment, and experience in promoting these core values across the industry will be an important asset to the Committee and I support her application. I urge the Commission's careful consideration, in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations, and ask that you please notify Adam Lachman in my office at (202) 224-5344 if you have any questions or concerns.

I look forward to working with you and the FCC Advisory Committee on Diversity and Digital Empowerment and the Commission in its efforts to expand opportunities made possible by next-generation networks in communities across the country.

Sincerely,



Angus S. King, Jr.
United States Senator



OFFICE OF
THE CHAIRMAN

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON

August 30, 2017

The Honorable Angus King
United States Senate
133 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator King:

Thank you for your letter supporting the appointment of Ms. Marie R. Sylla-Dixon, Vice President of Federal Government and External Affairs for T-Mobile USA, to serve on the Commission's Advisory Committee on Diversity and Digital Empowerment. We will certainly consider your recommendation and Ms. Sylla-Dixon's impressive resume as the Commission reviews nominations.

The mission of the Committee is to recommend how to empower disadvantaged communities and accelerate the entry of small businesses, including those owned by women and minorities, into the media, digital news and information, and audio and video programming industries, including as owners, suppliers, and employees. It is also to recommend how to ensure that disadvantaged communities are not denied the wide range of opportunities made possible by next-generation networks. This Committee is intended to provide an effective means for stakeholders with interests in these areas to exchange ideas and develop recommendations to the Commission to spur educational, economic, and civic development, and consumer access to digital technologies. The Committee's work is intended to enhance the Commission's ability to carry out its statutory responsibility to promote policies favoring diversity of media voices, localism, vigorous economic competition, technological advancement, and promotion of the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

I appreciate you 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". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ajit" being the most prominent part.

Ajit V. Pai