

Congress of the United States

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July 29, 2019

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The Honorable Ajit Pai
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Pai:

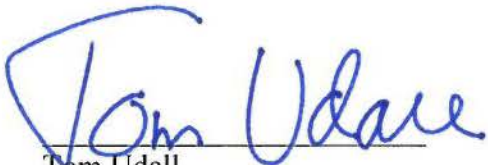
We are writing to direct your attention to three appeals that are pending before the Federal Communications Commission (Commission), filed in June by Albuquerque Public Schools, Bernalillo Public Schools, and Santa Fe Public Schools for fiber funded in the FY 2016 funding year. We strongly support the Commission grant these waivers in as expedient a manner as possible.

Each of these school districts serve areas of high need – and low broadband connectivity areas. Each waiver cite the unique challenges of the areas they are attempting to build, including late Funding Commitment Decision Letters, buildout over an Air Force base, tribal lands, and a significant number of pole attachments.

We request that the Commission provide an update as to the status of the appeals as well as an estimate as to when the Commission decisions will be issued.

Thank you and we look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,



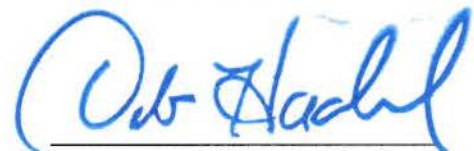
Tom Udall
United States Senator



Martin Heinrich
United States Senator



Ben Ray Luján
United States Representative



Deb Haaland
United States Representative



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United States Representative



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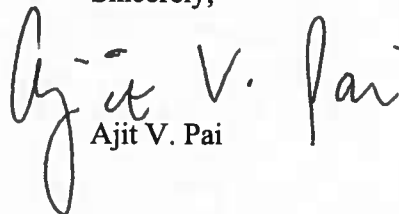
Dear Congressman Luján:

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I am pleased to report that on July 31, 2019, the Federal Communications Commission's Wireline Competition Bureau (WCB) granted each of these waiver requests, finding that the applicants were unable to comply for reasons beyond their control and made good faith efforts to comply with Commission rules and procedures. Accordingly, WCB directed the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) to set a new service delivery deadline of December 31, 2019 for Santa Fe Public Schools and a new service delivery deadline of June 30, 2020 for Albuquerque Public Schools and Bernalillo Public Schools. WCB also directed USAC to adjust any associated administrative or procedural deadlines.

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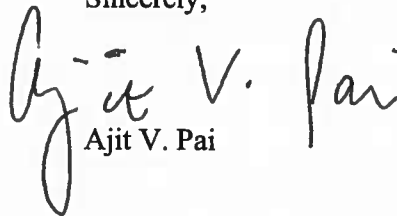
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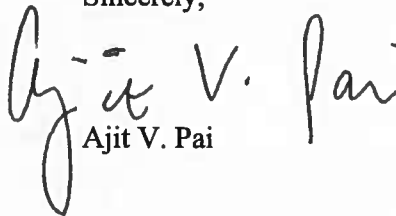
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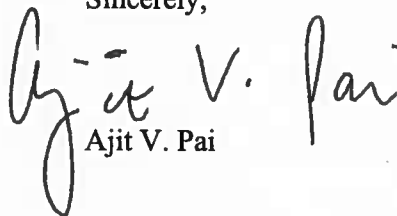
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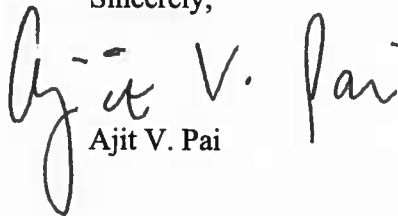
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