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June 29, 2018

The Honorable Ajit Pai
Chairman
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Mr. W. Erik Carlson
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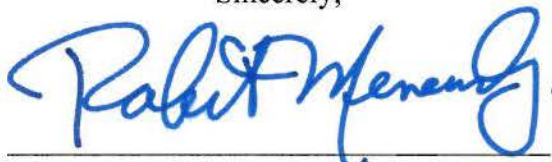
Mr. Randy Falco
President and Chief Executive Officer
Univision Communications
605 Third Avenue
New York, NY 10158

Dear Chairman Pai, Mr. Carlson and Mr. Falco,

I write to express my concerns with the recent media reports of an ongoing retransmission dispute between Univision and Dish Network. A potential blackout of a major Spanish language content producer limits the diversity in programming available to the Latino community. Furthermore, in light of the recent family separation crisis happening at our southern border, I believe that a potential blackout of Univision's new coverage could have a negative impact for non-English speaking families seeking information about their relatives.

I make no representations as to the merits of either side's position, as they are contractual discussions between private parties. However, I encourage both parties to engage in good faith negotiations to resolve this issue. I also request that the FCC monitor these negotiations so that they can be concluded in an equitable and expeditious manner. The Latino community should not be unfairly disadvantaged as a result of this dispute. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Robert Menendez
United States Senator



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November 13, 2018

The Honorable Robert Menendez
United States Senate
528 Hart Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator Menendez:

Thank you for your letter regarding the retransmission consent dispute between Univision and Dish Network. I agree with you that it is important for the parties to negotiate in good faith so that consumers are not harmed by these disputes, and I am disappointed that the parties have not yet been able to resolve this dispute. Although retransmission consent negotiations are private contractual discussions, the Commission does monitor these types of disputes and encourages the parties to reach agreement quickly.

I appreciate your interest in this matter. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ajit V. Pai". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "A" and "P".

Ajit V. Pai