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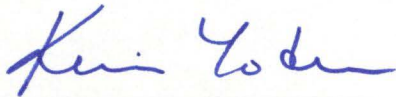
Dear Chairman Pai:

It has come to our attention that a Petition for Rulemaking (in CG Docket No. 03-123) is widely supported by organizations that advocate on behalf of the Deaf and hard of hearing. The petition, which was filed in November of 2015, requests that the Commission issue a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking soliciting public comment on changes to the contribution methodology for the Telecom Relay Service (TRS) Fund and on the benefits of that requested change.

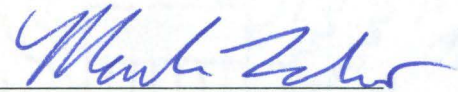
As Co-Chairs of the Congressional Deaf Caucus, we encourage you to make this a priority issue for your agency. The change suggested in the petition would protect the TRS Fund from the pressure of substantial growth in the services offered to the deaf community, and from what has been a continuing reduction in the revenue base for that fund. The proposed change does not require additional federal funding, taxes or fees and is consistent with the funding method originally contemplated by the federal statute.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. We look forward to your prompt reply.

Sincerely,



Kevin Yoder  
Member of Congress



Mark Takano  
Member of Congress



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November 9, 2017

The Honorable Kevin Yoder  
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Dear Congressman Yoder:

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The Commission has released a Public Notice seeking comment on IDT's petition for rulemaking, and the comment cycles on the matter have been completed. In addition, the Commission has met with representatives of IDT on various occasions to further discuss the carrier's views on the petition. Let me assure you that we will take into consideration the issues and concerns presented by all stakeholders as the Commission makes every effort to conclude its review of this matter as quickly and equitably as possible.

I appreciate your interest in this matter. Your views are very important and will be entered into the record of the proceeding. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

*Ajit V. Pai*  
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*Congressman, hope all is well with you! Thanks much for your support and look forward to catching up soon, whether in Kansas or DC.*



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