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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC

July 31, 2017

Mr. Ajit Pai, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street Southwest
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Pai:

I want to first say I applaud your efforts to revitalize A.M. broadcasting. The A.M. spectrum is truly a national treasure and is worth saving and reimagining. Several stations in my district have already taken advantage of the F.M. translator program, and from all indications, it is paying dividends to the owners and the communities they serve.


The F.M. translator program is why I am writing you. WRAB A.M. 1380 in Arab, Alabama has submitted an application for an FM translator as part of the 2017 window, running from July 26-August 2.

Since 1961, WRAB has truly been what radio stations should be, a vital part of their community. WRAB is the perfect example of a station fulfilling the FCC requirement to serve the public interest. The station continues to produce four local newscasts each day, a rarity in today's radio world. In addition to news, the station promotes local community and school events, helps local service organizations with free broadcast time and provides vital weather information during emergencies.

It is for this level of community service, that I ask they be given the utmost consideration for a license to operate an F.M. translator. Having their broadcasts on F.M. will open up their community centered broadcasts to an entirely new audience and new generation of listeners.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert B. Aderholt", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert B. Aderholt
Member of Congress

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November 21, 2017

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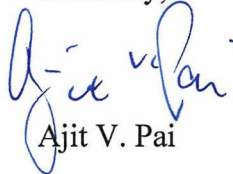
Dear Congressman Aderholt:

Thank you for your letter supporting the Commission's efforts to revitalize AM broadcasting and requesting that WRAB AM 1380 in Arab, Alabama be given the utmost consideration to operate an FM translator. Revitalizing the AM radio band has always been a top priority for me.

On November 1, 2017, the Media Bureau released a Public Notice announcing an FM translator filing window for long-form applications—also known as a Form 349 Application—for the filing of FM translator new station construction permit applications. I am pleased to inform you that the Media Bureau included the WRAB-FM translator on the list of acceptable singleton applications. File No. BNPFT-20170726ADO. Applicants are encouraged to access the system and prepare their applications at their earliest convenience. Applicants may begin to complete applications immediately and are encouraged to submit their applications early during the window to ensure proper filing. However, applications filed before December 1, 2017, or after December 21, 2017, will be dismissed. I can assure you that, as with all applications, WRAB AM 1380 will receive the due consideration it deserves.

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

Sincerely,


Ajit V. Pai

Congressman, all the best during what I hope is
a happy Thanksgiving!