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The Honorable Ajit Pai
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Pai:

I write to express my support for the FCC's efforts in promoting our Nation's leadership role in 5G innovation. As you observed at the Americas Spectrum Management Conference on October 3, "Seizing the opportunities of 5G is not incidental, but central to our ability to grow our economy, create new jobs, and unleash new services and applications that will raise our standard of living." I share your belief in those opportunities.

I was particularly encouraged by the FCC's inclusion of the 900 MHz band in the 5G FAST Plan. While much of the focus on 5G is centered on high- and mid-band spectrum, you have recognized that low-band allocations such as 900 MHz will also have a significant role to play if, as the FCC is considering, its rules are modernized and made more flexible. As you are aware, pdvWireless, Inc., headquartered in New Jersey, has proposed a 900 MHz band realignment that would create a broadband service within the allocation. PDV has already provided employment at its New Jersey headquarters and its other locations, but prompt FCC approval of revised 900 MHz rules will accelerate its growth. It also will spur job creation around the nation as 900 MHz broadband facilities are deployed.

5G is a priority at the highest levels of government, but the FCC has an essential role because of its stewardship of much of the country's spectrum. Speed is of the essence in this international race. I commend you and the Commission for the steps you have taken thus far and urge you to take action as promptly as possible to unleash the potential of the 900 MHz band.

Thank you for your efforts in this area and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Best personal wishes.

Sincerely,

Leonard Lance
Member of Congress