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The Honorable Ajit V. Pai
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Chairman Pai,

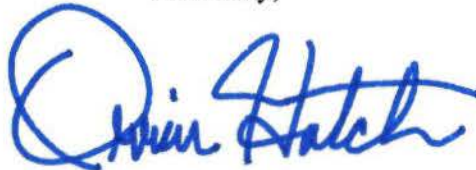
It is my understanding that on February 29, 2016, the Federal Communications Commission, issued a public notice for comments on the 2013 Signal Boosters Report and Order (WT Docket 10-4). Although the notice and comment period has concluded, the Commission has yet to announce any new rulemaking regarding signal booster technology.

Specifically, I am inquiring about the status of the Commission's decision to revisit the "personal-use restriction" for consumer signal boosters, which prevents businesses, public institutions, and other enterprises from purchasing and using consumer signal boosters. I also understand that this proposal has nearly unanimous support among wireless carriers, telecommunications industry groups, business/enterprise interests, and the public safety community.

Wilson Electronics LLC—a constituent company headquartered in Salt Lake City—is a leading manufacturer of consumer signal boosters and operates a manufacturing facility in St. George, Utah. This company has also expressed its support for the elimination of the personal-use restriction for consumer signal boosters.

I respectfully ask for an update on the Commission's proposal to revisit the 2013 Signal Booster Order, specifically the proposal to eliminate the personal-use restriction. Thank you for your assistance with regard to my request. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Orrin G. Hatch
US Senator



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December 6, 2017

The Honorable Orrin G. Hatch
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Dear Senator Hatch:

Thank you for your letter requesting an update on the Commission's rulemaking regarding consumer signal boosters. In 2013, the FCC adopted new consumer signal booster rules providing for well-designed boosters that avoid interference to wireless networks. As you note in your letter, on February 29, 2016, the FCC's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (Bureau) released a Public Notice seeking comment on how the interference-mitigating technologies mandated under the new rules have been working in practice.

In December 2016, Wilson Electronics LLC petitioned to change the FCC's consumer signal booster rules to eliminate the "personal-use" restriction on wideband consumer signal boosters. On March 3, 2017, the Bureau issued a Public Notice soliciting public comment on this petition. Commission staff is carefully reviewing the record so we can determine the appropriate next steps.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ajit V. Pai", is written over a printed name tag.

Ajit V. Pai