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Dear Chairman Wheeler and Commissioners Clyburn, Rosenworcel, Pai and O’Rielly:

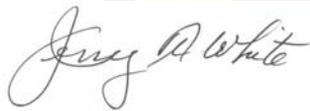
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Keep smiling.

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