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WASHINGTON

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The Honorable Anna G. Eshoo  
U.S. House of Representatives  
241 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Eshoo:

Thank you for your letter regarding First Amendment freedoms and the independence of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission).

Throughout my tenure at the Commission, I have consistently been a strong supporter of the First Amendment, and as I stated last week, the FCC under my leadership has protected and will continue to protect the First Amendment. Moreover, I have made clear that the FCC does not have the authority to revoke a license of a broadcast station based on the content of a particular newscast.

As a strong supporter of the First Amendment and the FCC's independence, I can also assure you that under my leadership the Commission's review of any matter associated with any broadcast license will not be impacted by political pressure from the Executive Branch.

I appreciate your interest in this matter and look forward to working with you on important matters before the Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ajit V. Pai". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A".

Ajit V. Pai