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November 10, 2020

The Honorable Ajit V. Pai  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
45 L Street NE  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Pai:

We write to request the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) immediately stop work on all partisan, controversial items under consideration, consistent with applicable law and regulation, and follow the norms set by past transfers of power.

With the results of the 2020 presidential election now apparent, leadership of the FCC will undoubtedly be changing. As a traditional part of the peaceful transfer of power—and as part of our oversight responsibilities—we strongly urge the agency to only pursue consensus and administrative matters that are non-partisan for the remainder of your tenure.

We note that you have previously welcomed calls from congressional leaders for the FCC to “halt further action on controversial items during the transition period.”<sup>1</sup> We hope you will respect this time-honored tradition now. There are undoubtedly a number of consensus matters on which the Commission must focus to appropriately carry out its mission on behalf of the public, and we urge you to take quick action on such items.

Sincerely,



Frank Pallone, Jr.  
Chairman



Mike Doyle  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Communications  
and Technology

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<sup>1</sup> Federal Communications Commission, Statement of Ajit Pai on Congress’s Call to Stop Controversial Votes During the Transition (Nov. 15, 2016).

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cc: The Honorable Michael O’Rielly, Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission

The Honorable Brendan Carr, Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission

The Honorable Jessica Rosenworcel, Commissioner, Federal Communications  
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The Honorable Geoffrey Starks, Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission