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The Honorable Miguel A. Laureano Correa
Chairman of the Telecommunications Commission
Senate of Puerto Rico
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Dear Senator Laureano:

Thank you for your letter of December 4, 2017. I appreciate your report on the invaluable and forward-looking work being done by the Telecommunications Commission of the Senate of Puerto Rico to ensure that the communications infrastructure can better withstand future disaster events. The importance of this effort was brought home to me during my visit to Puerto Rico in November.

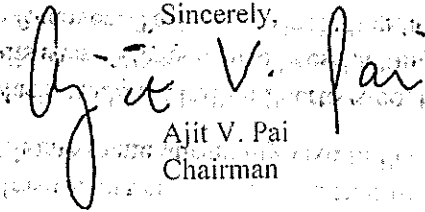
Since Hurricanes Irma and Maria made landfall in Puerto Rico, the FCC has been assisting in the emergency response to the resulting disaster. We have also been looking at longer-term recovery issues through the Commission's Hurricane Recovery Task Force, including how we can learn from the current situation, as communications service providers rebuild their networks and restore service in all areas of the island.

You referenced a data point that was included in a recent FCC report. Much of the data reported to us by service providers and others is done on a voluntary basis. Some of that data may be limited by the perspective of the entity providing it to us. We are interested in working with other parties, including Puerto Rico governmental entities, to gain access to a greater array of data that could be made available to those who are rebuilding and working on the ongoing recovery effort. We would welcome your suggestions in this area.

I believe it would be of mutual benefit to meet while you are in Washington next month. In addition, the FCC Hurricane Recovery Task Force will be available to hear your detailed observations on the challenges facing communications service providers and possible steps toward achieving more resilient networks for the future.

I look forward to our conversation. Happy holidays to you and your family.

Sincerely,


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Chairman