

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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October 04, 2017

Chairman Ajit Pai and Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Pai and Commissioner Clyburn,

We write to bring to your attention a major concern for public safety and the exploitation of contraband cell phones in prisons.

The possession and use of contraband cell phones in correctional facilities across the country continues to pose safety risks to the public, correctional staff, and inmates. Although many devices are intercepted, some make it through to inmates.

On a daily basis, contraband cell phones are used nationwide by inmates to plan attacks and intimidate victims, witnesses, and correctional staff. In addition, they are used to promote the distribution of controlled substances and weapons, further criminal enterprises, and engage in gang activity. In many states, inmate use of contraband cell phones has even cost lives.

Given the growing public safety concerns (more cell phones are seized each year), this is an issue of critical importance which requires solutions sooner rather than later.

There are some in Congress who would like to impose a solution directed by Congressional mandate. That should be done only as a last resort, given that the FCC and cellular providers have the necessary technical experience to address problems which Corrections officials, rather than Congress, can best describe, due to their first-hand, practical knowledge. It is our hope that through such a collaborative approach, a mutually agreeable solution can be reached.

To that end we are writing to request that the Federal Communications Commission facilitate a meeting with correction officials, members of the major cellular providers, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation within 120 days, and report back to Congress on actions to effectively block, or hamper, the use of contraband phones which inmates obtain.

Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Richard Shelby
U.S. Senator

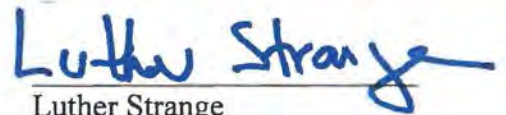


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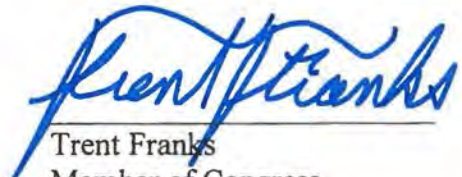
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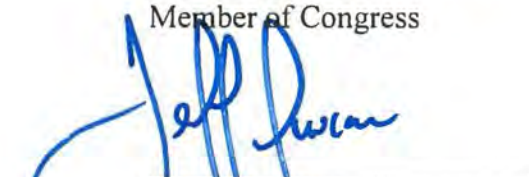

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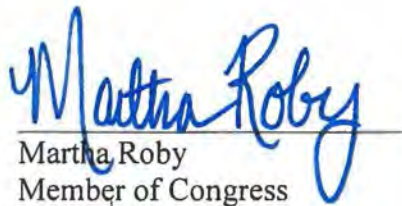

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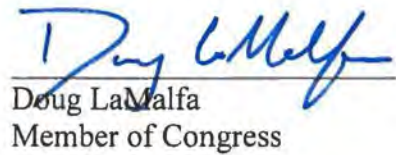

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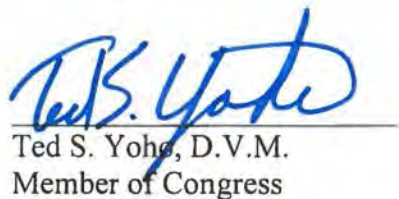

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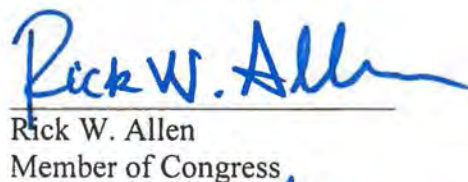

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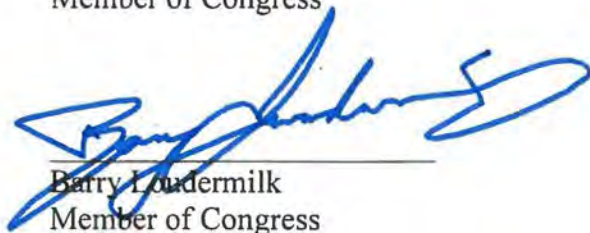

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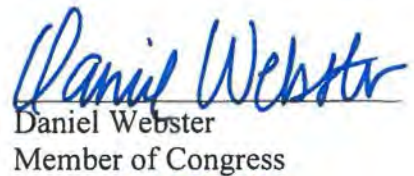

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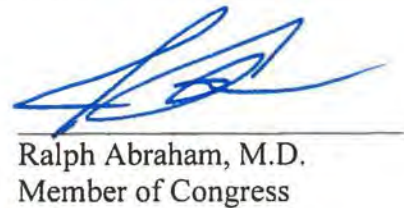

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October 24, 2017

The Honorable Ralph Abraham
U.S. House of Representatives
417 Cannon House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Abraham:

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The Honorable Robert B. Aderholt
U.S. House of Representatives
235 Cannon House Office Building
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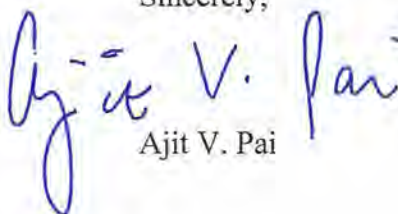
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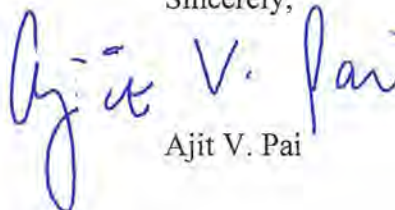
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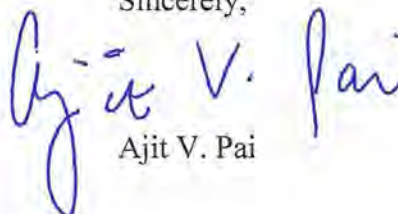
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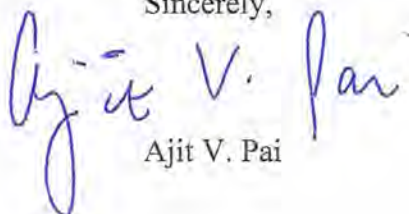
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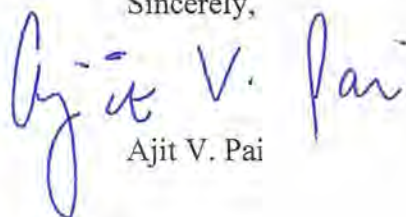
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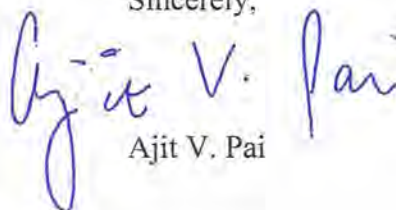
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2371 Rayburn House Office Building
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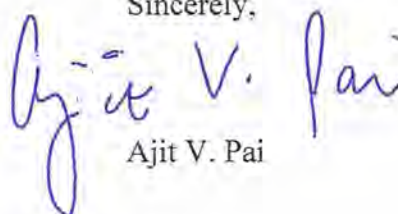
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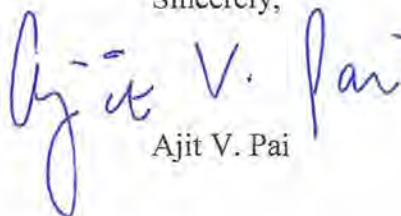
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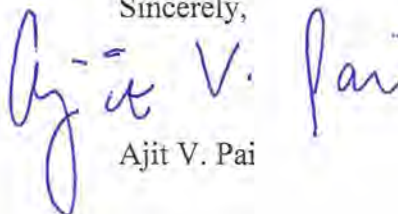
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2418 Rayburn House Office Building
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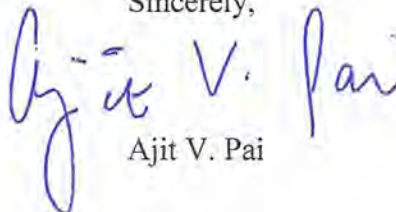
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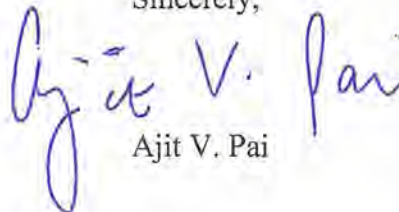
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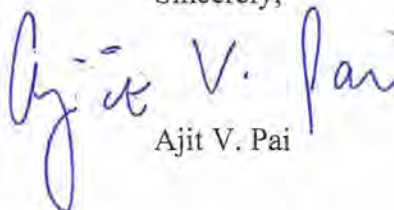
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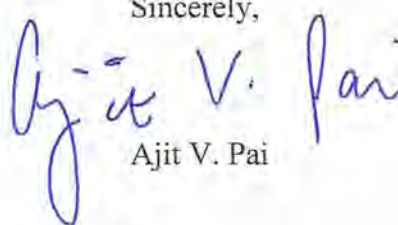
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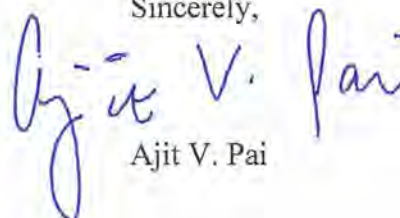
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508 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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1501 Longworth House Office Building
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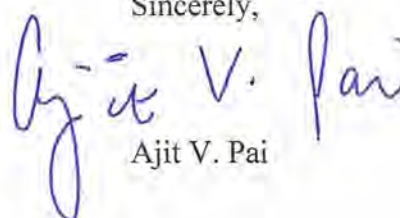
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U.S. House of Representatives
329 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives
2350 Rayburn House Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives
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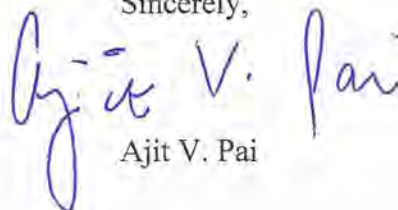
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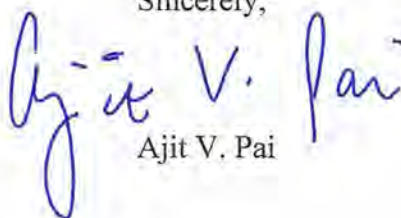
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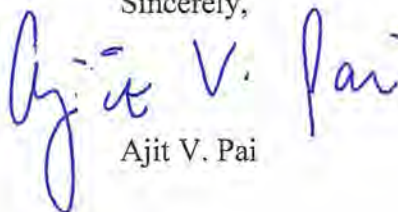
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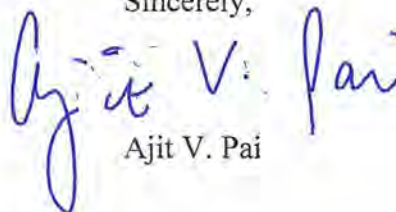
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442 Cannon House Office Building
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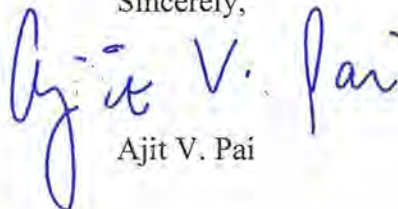
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U.S. House of Representatives
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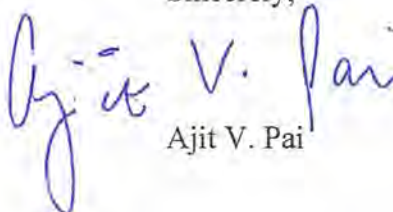
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United States Senate
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October 24, 2017

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U.S. House of Representatives
2449 Rayburn House Office Building
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October 24, 2017

The Honorable Terri A. Sewell
U.S. House of Representatives
2201 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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United States Senate
304 Russell Senate Office Building
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United States Senate
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1210 Longworth House Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives
511 Cannon House Office Building
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April 6, 2018

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1117 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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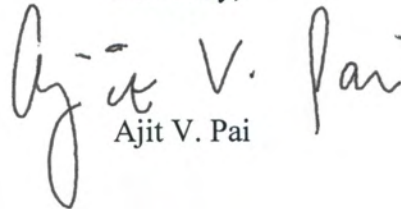
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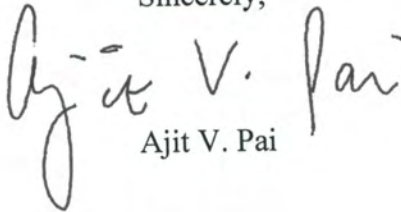
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April 6, 2018

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U.S. House of Representatives
2350 Rayburn House Office Building
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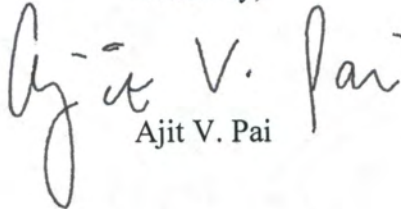
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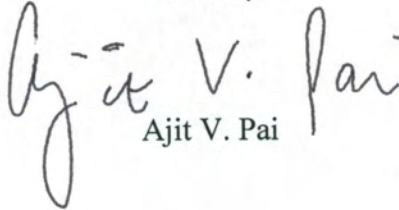
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April 6, 2018

The Honorable Terri A. Sewell
U.S. House of Representatives
2201 Rayburn House Office Building
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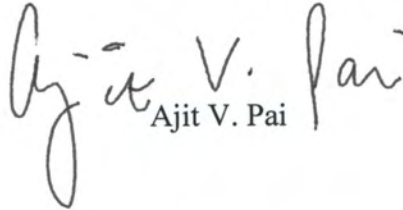
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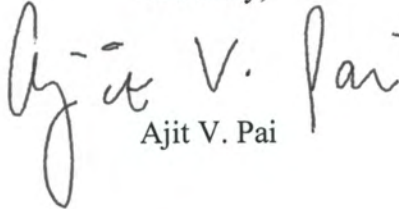
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U.S. House of Representatives
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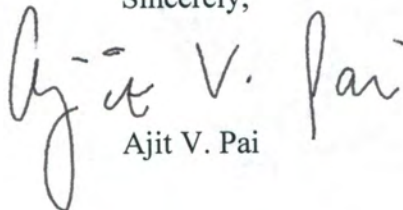
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U.S. House of Representatives
2435 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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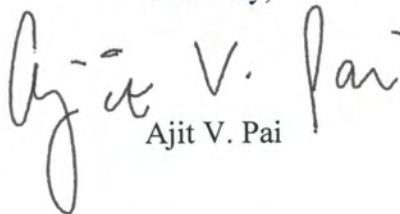
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The Honorable Martha Roby
U.S. House of Representatives
442 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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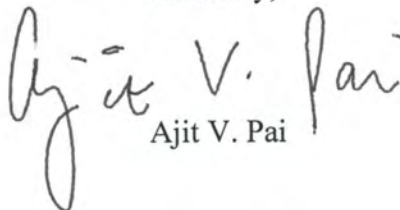
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The Honorable Doug LaMalfa
U.S. House of Representatives
322 Cannon House Office Building
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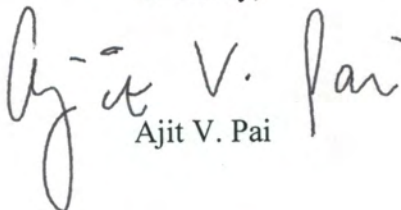
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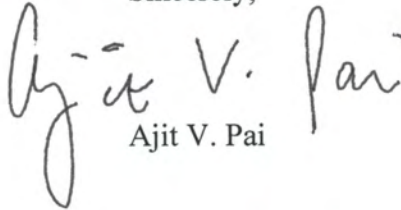
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511 Cannon House Office Building
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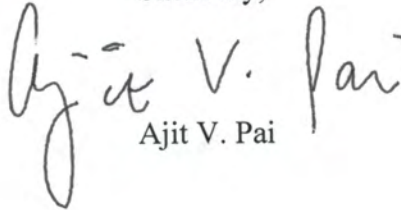
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The Honorable Dave Brat
U.S. House of Representatives
1628 Longworth House Office Building
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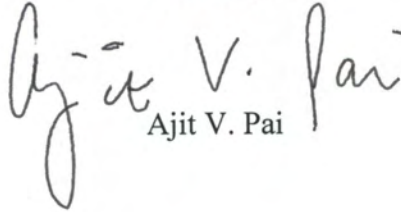
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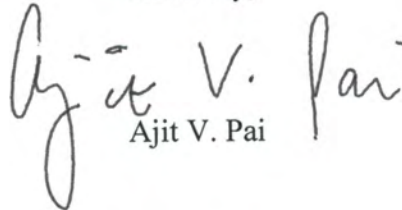
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April 6, 2018

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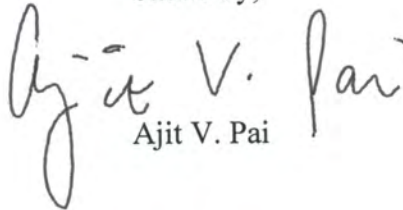
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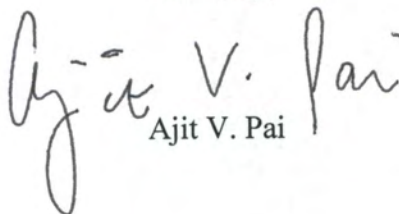
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U.S. House of Representatives
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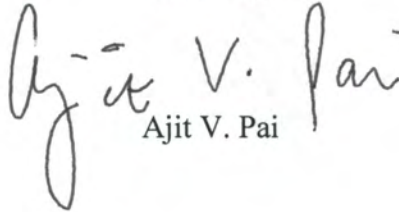
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U.S. House of Representatives
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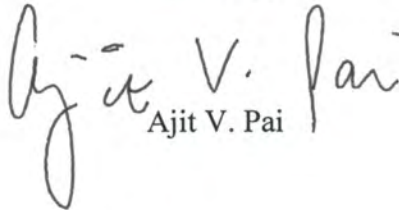
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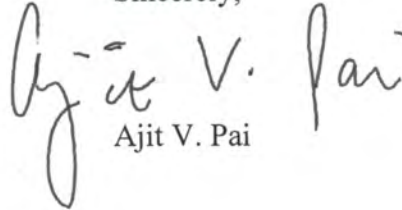
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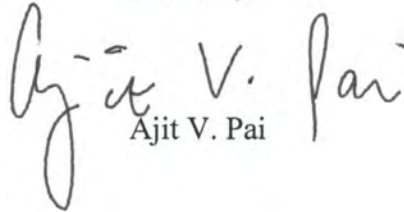
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U.S. House of Representatives
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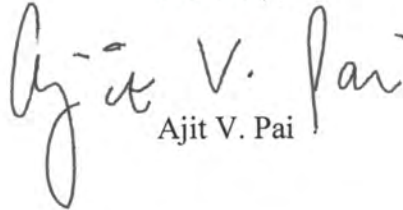
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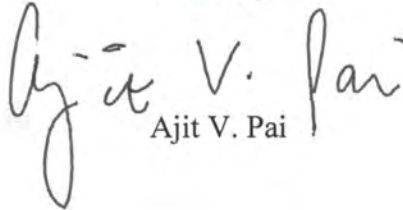
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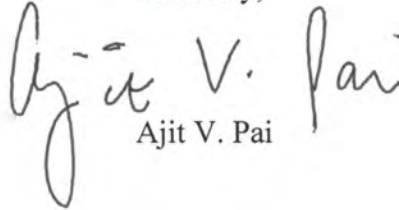
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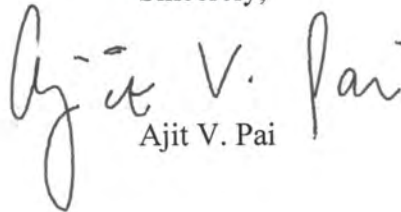
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April 6, 2018

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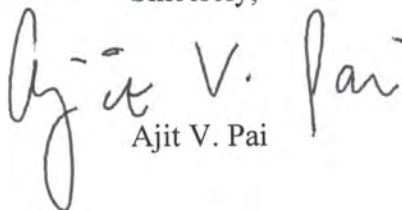
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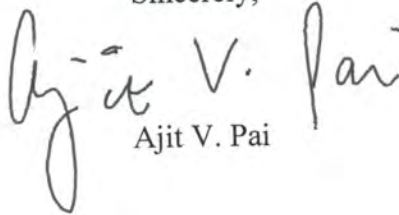
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The Honorable Phil Roe
U.S. House of Representatives
336 Cannon House Office Building
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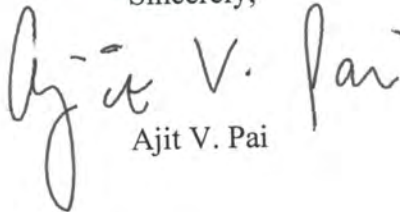
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United States Senate
304 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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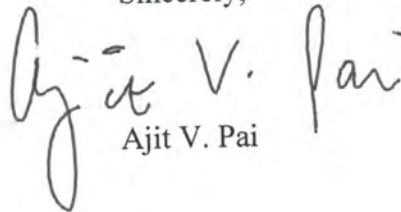
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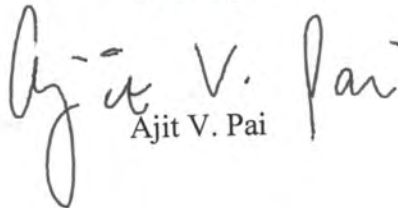
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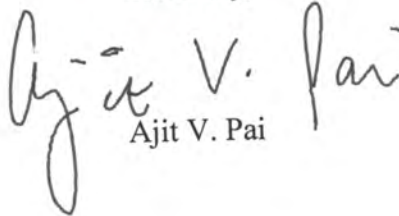
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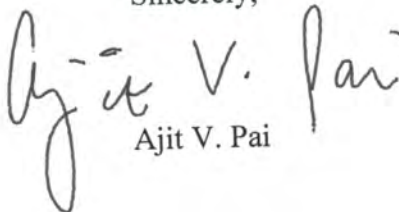
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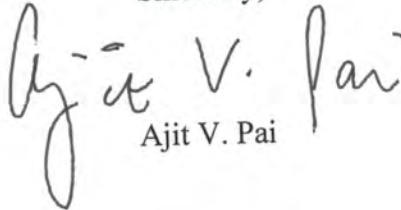
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The Honorable Diane Black
U.S. House of Representatives
1131 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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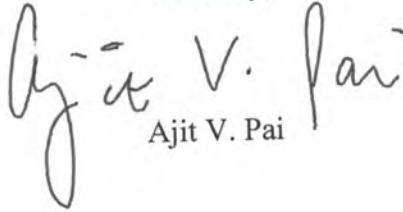
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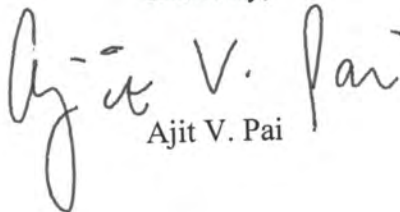
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April 6, 2018

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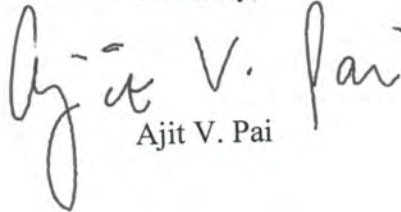
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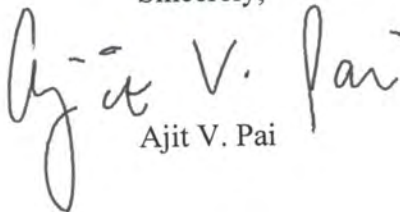
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U.S. House of Representatives
235 Cannon House Office Building
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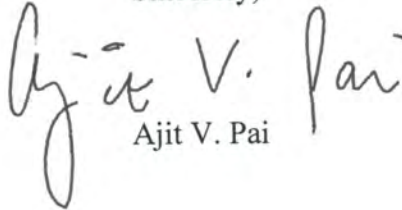
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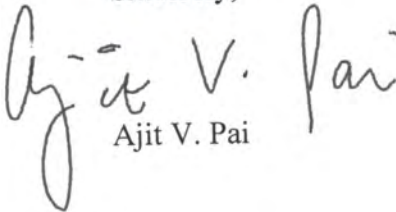
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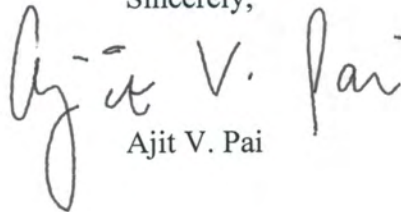
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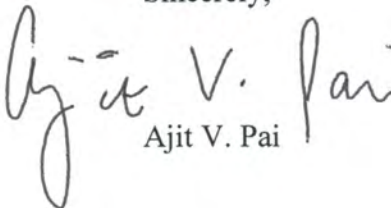
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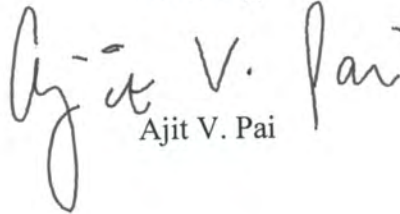
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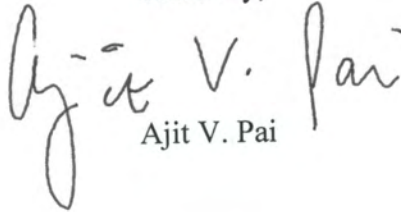
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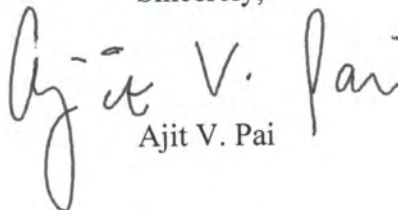
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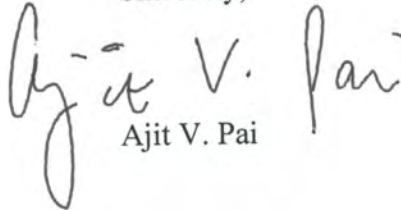
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April 6, 2018

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The Honorable Trey Gowdy
U.S. House of Representatives
2418 Rayburn House Office Building
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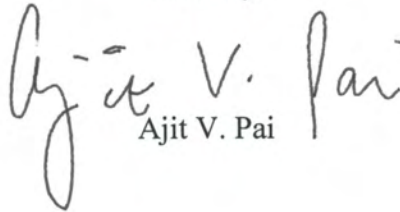
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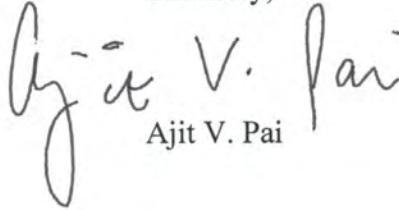
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United States Senate
326 Russell Senate Office Building
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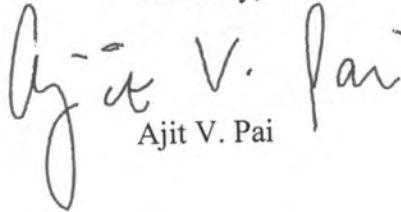
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The Honorable Marsha Blackburn
U.S. House of Representatives
2266 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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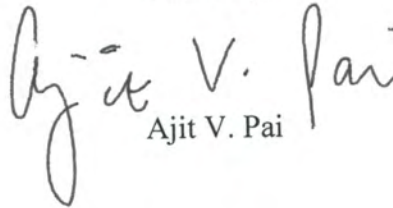
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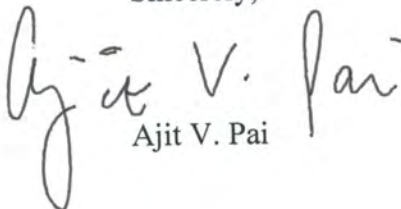
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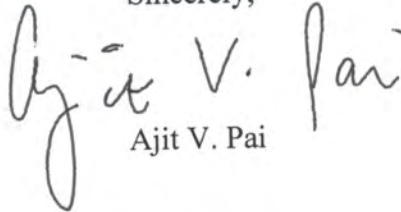
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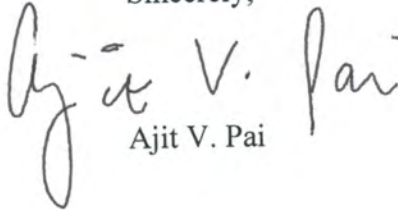
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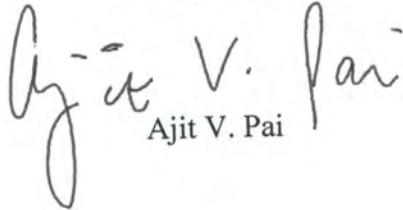
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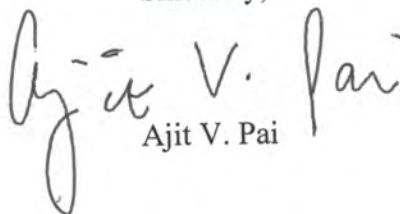
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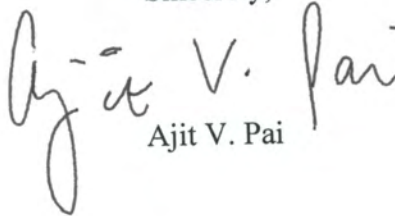
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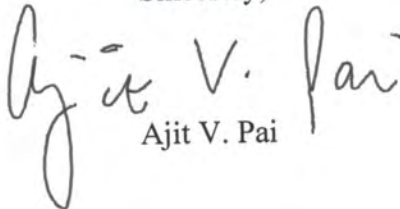
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Brian Benison, AT&T
Markie Britton, Tecore
Milton Brown, National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)
Gina Cacciatore, Verizon
Matthew Caesar, Global Tel*Link
Bryan Collier, Texas Department of Criminal Justice
Todd Craig, Federal Bureau of Prisons (FBOP)
David Donahue, GEO Corrections and Detention
Patrick Donovan, Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association (CTIA)
Lee Dotson, Tennessee DOC
Greg Dozier, Georgia DOC
Kyle Entz, Sprint
John Fischer, Cell Command
Brian Fontes, National Emergency Number Association (NENA)
Trey Forgety, NENA
Lindsey Freeman, Office of Legal Policy (OLP), Department of Justice (DOJ)
David Gittelson, Prelude
Roy Glasberg, Prelude
Mark Greene, National Institute of Justice (NIJ), DOJ
Dan Hackett, ShawnTech
Eric Hagerson, T-Mobile
Pelicia Hall, Mississippi DOC
Stephen Harsham, Tecore
Joe Heaps, NIJ, DOJ
Hank Hultquist, AT&T
Mark Inch, FBOP
A representative of J3 Technology
William Johnson, Verizon
Kevin Kempf, Association of State Correctional Administrators
Joe Klimavicz, DOJ
Adam Krinsky, CTIA
Jessica Lyons, AT&T
Howard Melamed, CellAntenna
Jay Miller, Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services
Robert Morse, Verizon
Courtney Neville, Competitive Carriers Association (CCA)
Joseph Noonan, Corrections.com
Tony Parker, Tennessee DOC
Mark Reddish, Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO)
Dennis Roberson, Roberson & Associates

David Rogers, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Ray Rothermel, Sprint
Jay Salkini, Tecore
Mark Sanford, Congressman from South Carolina
Steve Sharkey, T-Mobile
Sean Smith, Mississippi DOC
Rob Smyjunas, Cell Command
Bryan Stirling, South Carolina DOC
Peter Tenhula, Office of Spectrum Management, NTIA
Rebecca Thompson, CCA
Peter Tomszak, First Responder Network Authority
Tyler Vallante, Corrections.com
Jim Viscardi, Metrasens
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