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November 18, 2019

The Honorable Lamar Alexander
United States Senate
455 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives
2080 Rayburn House Office Building
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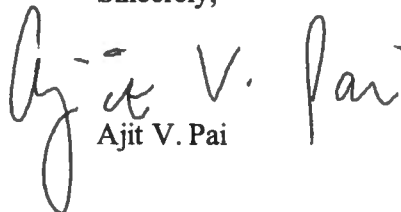
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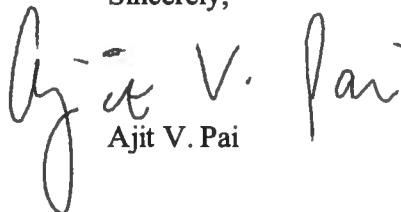
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United States Senate
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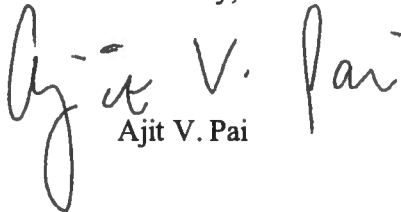
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United States Senate
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The Honorable Anna G. Eshoo
U.S. House of Representatives
202 Cannon House Office Building
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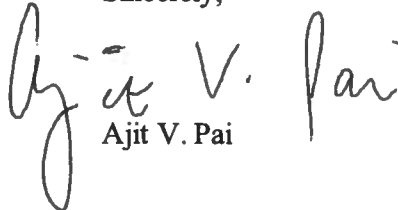
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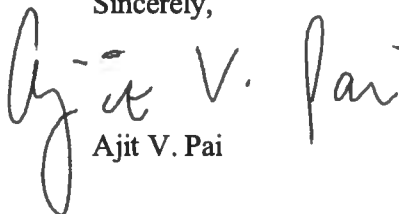
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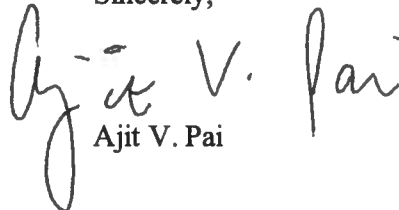
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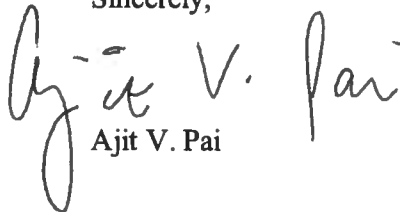
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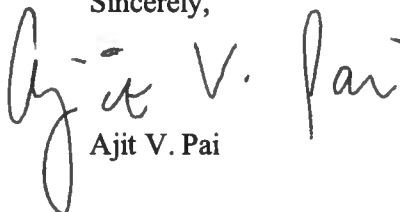
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United States Senate
302 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

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United States Senate
531 Hart Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Peter Welch
U.S. House of Representatives
2303 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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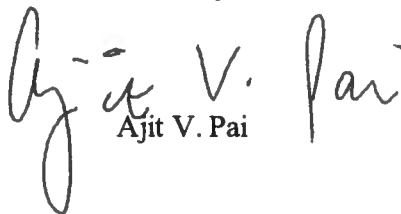
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U.S. House of Representatives
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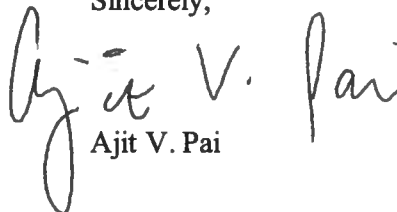
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