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U.S. House of Representatives
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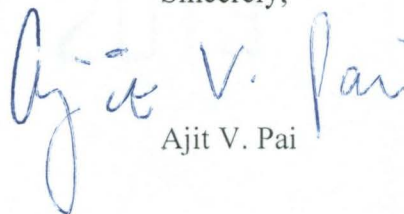Washington, D.C. 20515

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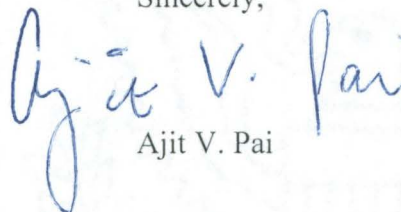127 Cannon House Office Building
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