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July 6, 2017

The Honorable John J. Faso
U.S. House of Representatives
1616 Longworth House Office Building
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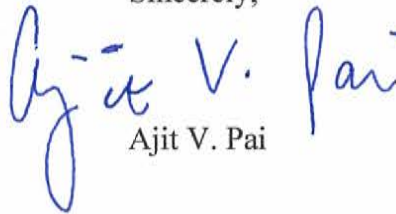
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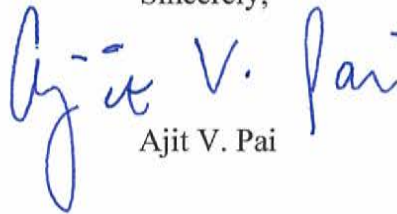
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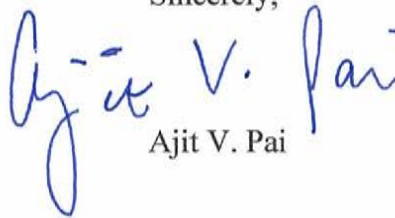
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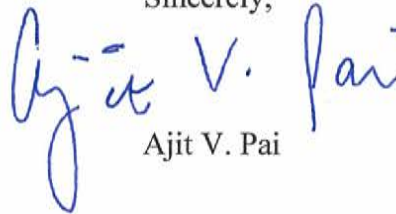
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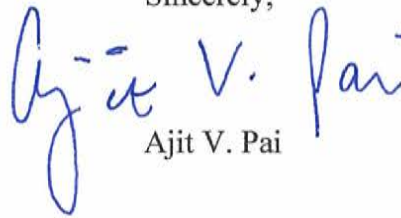
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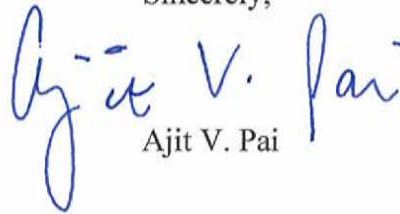
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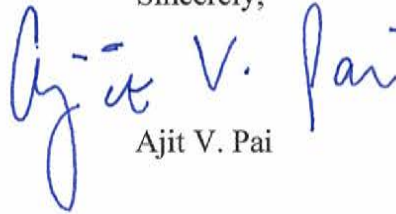
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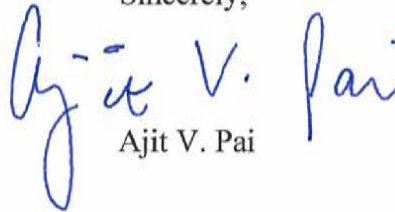
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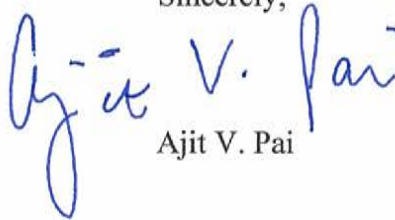
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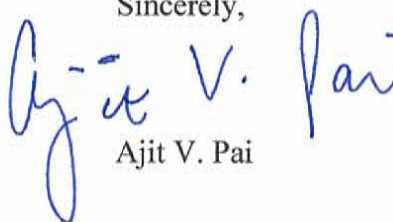
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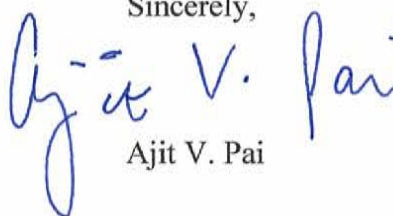
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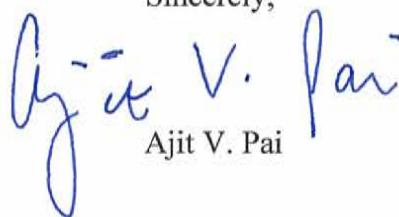
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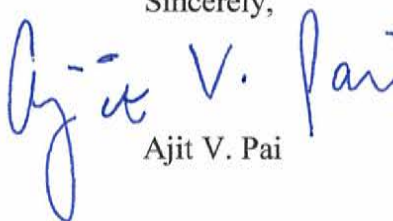
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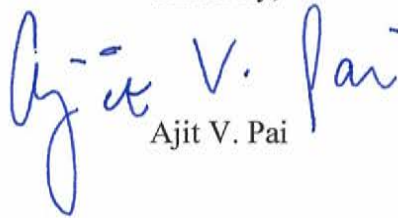
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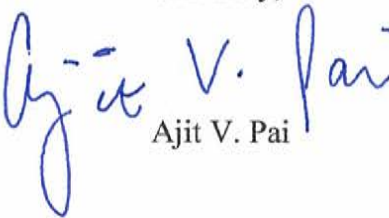
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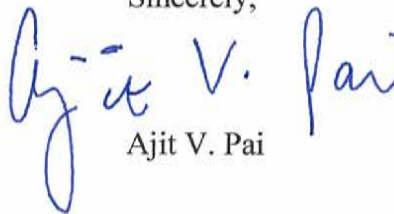
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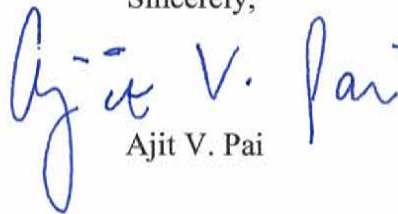
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July 6, 2017

The Honorable Walter B. Jones
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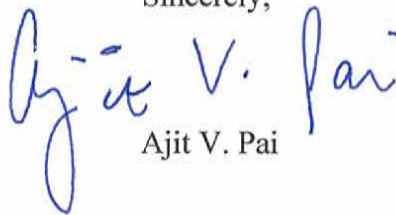
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The Honorable Ruben Kihuen
U.S. House of Representatives
313 Cannon House Office Building
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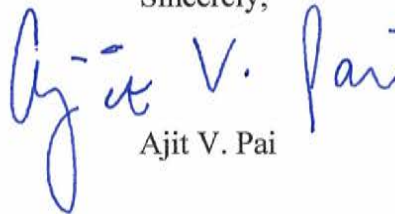
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The Honorable Derek Kilmer
U.S. House of Representatives
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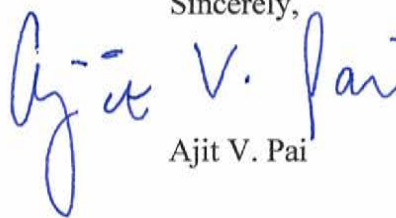
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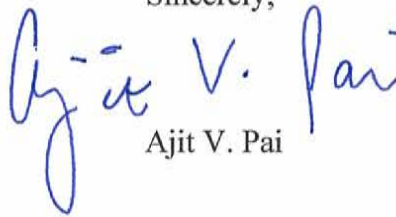
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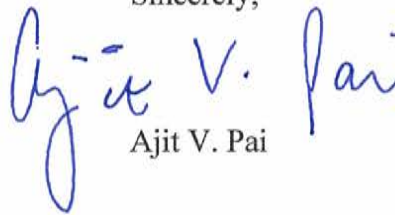
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U.S. House of Representatives
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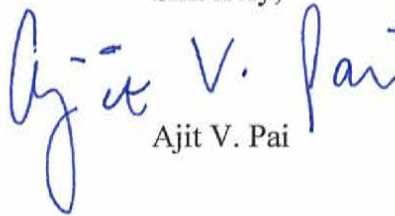
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The Honorable Darin LaHood
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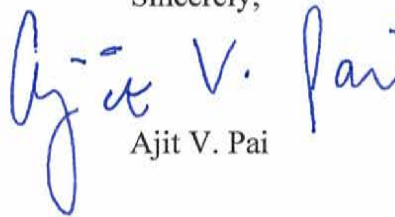
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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ajit V. Pai". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Ajit" is written with a large, looped 'A' and a small 'j'. The middle initial "V." is written with a simple 'V' followed by a period. The last name "Pai" is written with a large, looped 'P' and a small 'i'.

Ajit V. Pai