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October 23, 2017

The Honorable Nanette Barragan  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1320 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Barragan:

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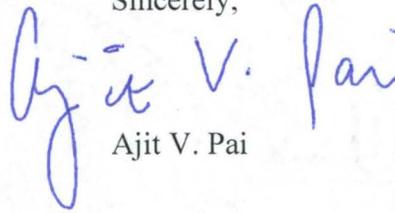
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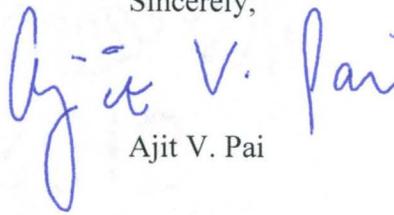
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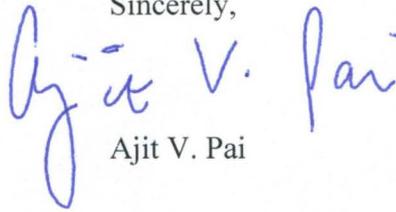
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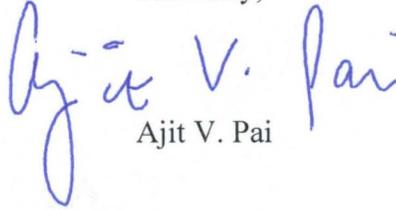
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U.S. House of Representatives  
227 Cannon House Office Building  
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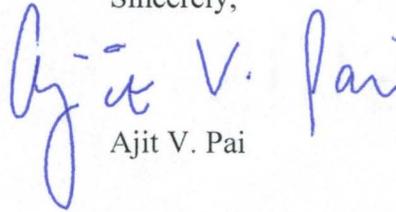
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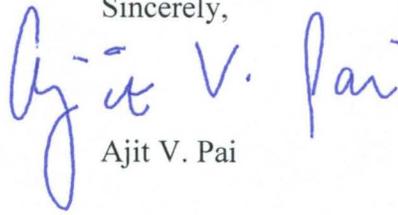
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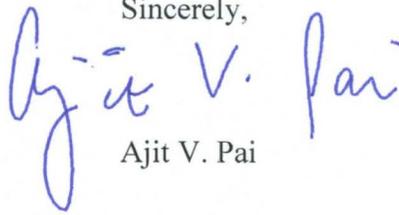
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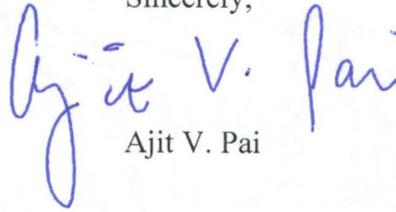
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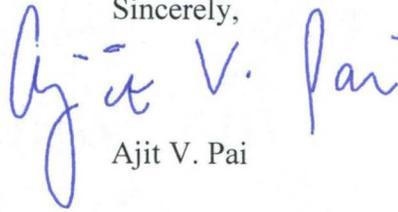
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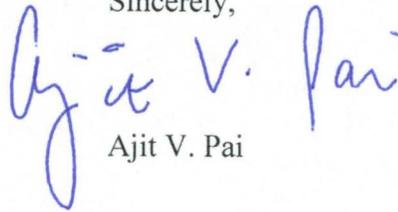
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October 23, 2017

The Honorable Raul Ruiz  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1319 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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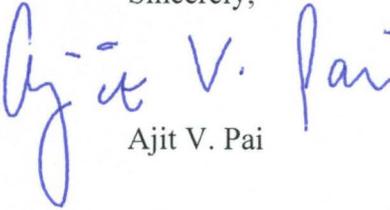
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U.S. House of Representatives  
1507 Longworth House Office Building  
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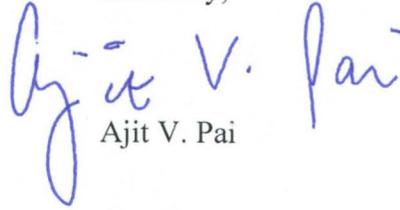
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U.S. House of Representatives  
1713 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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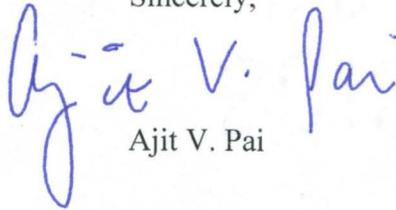
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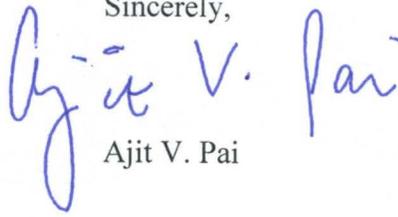
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