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October 24, 2017

The Honorable Sanford D. Bishop
U.S. House of Representatives
2407 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Bishop:

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The Honorable Earl Blumenauer
U.S. House of Representatives
1111 Longworth House Office Building
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United States Senate
706 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Cheri Bustos
U.S. House of Representatives
1009 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Congresswoman Bustos:

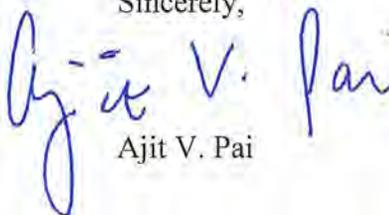
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U.S. House of Representatives
2244 Rayburn House Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives
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U.S. House of Representatives
2426 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Mark DeSaulnier
U.S. House of Representatives
115 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman DeSaulnier:

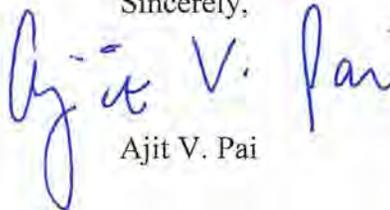
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U.S. House of Representatives
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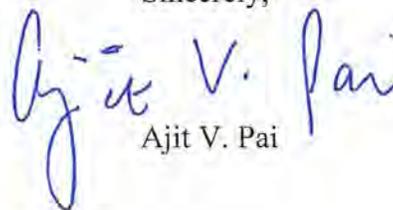
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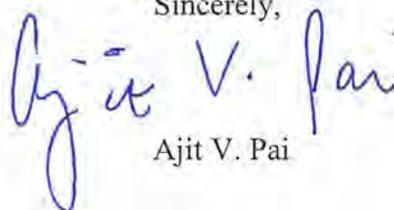
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United States Senate
309 Hart Senate Office Building
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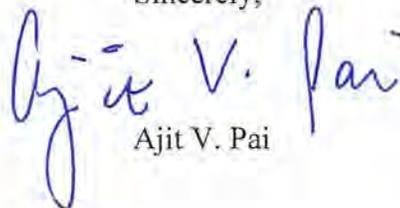
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The Honorable Tulsi Gabbard
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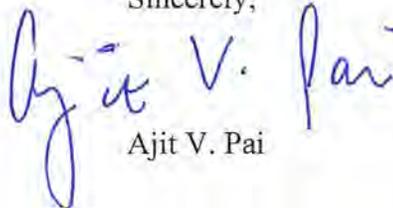
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October 24, 2017

The Honorable Kirsten Gillibrand
United States Senate
478 Russell Senate Office Building
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1511 Longworth House Office Building
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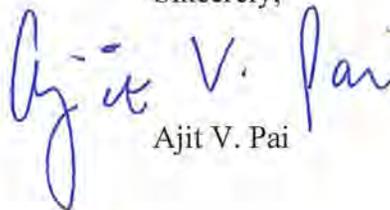
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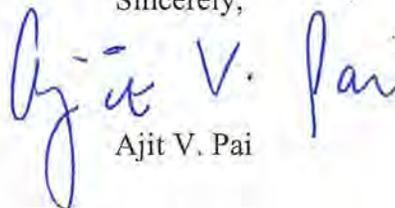
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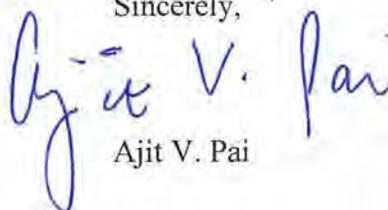
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U.S. House of Representatives
2353 Rayburn House Office Building
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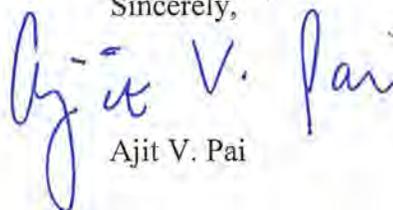
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The Honorable Heidi Heitkamp
United States Senate
110 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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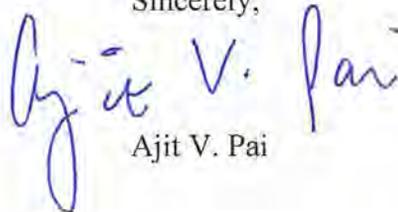
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The Honorable Sheila Jackson Lee
U.S. House of Representatives
2187 Rayburn House Office Building
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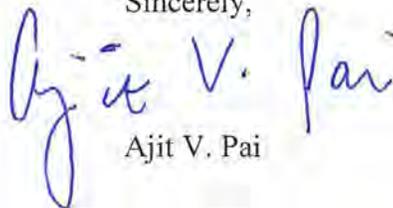
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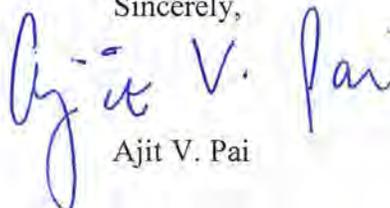
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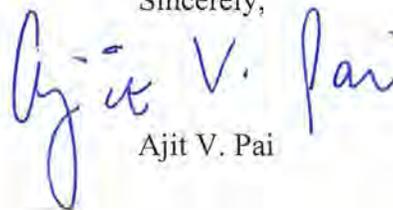
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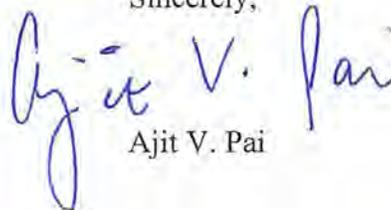
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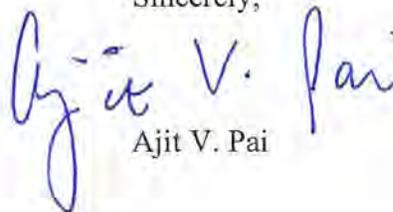
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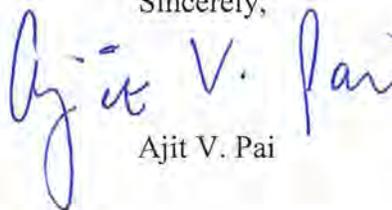
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U.S. House of Representatives
1727 Longworth House Office Building
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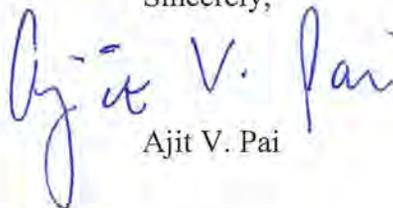
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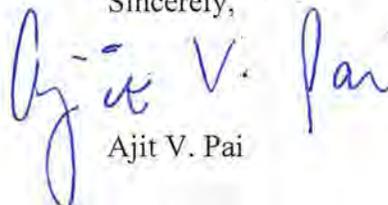
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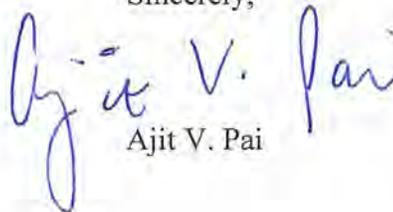
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October 24, 2017

The Honorable Tim Walz
U.S. House of Representatives
2313 Rayburn House Office Building
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United States Senate
221 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives
131 Cannon House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Yarmuth:

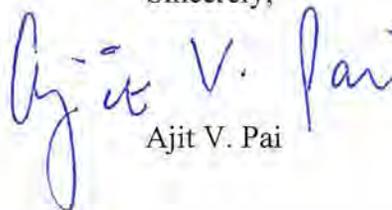
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