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The Honorable Ron Johnson
Chairman
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
United States Senate
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Washington, D.C. 20510

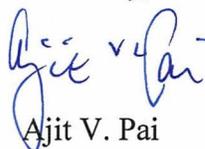
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Thank you for your interest in this matter. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,



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Chairman Johnson, thanks for your leadership on this issue and for your support more generally!



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Ranking Member
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P.S. Senator, I appreciated your letter and your leadership on this issue!