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WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF  
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December 13, 2017

The Honorable Al Franken  
United States Senate  
309 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Franken:

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The Honorable Amy Klobuchar  
United States Senate  
302 Hart Senate Office Building  
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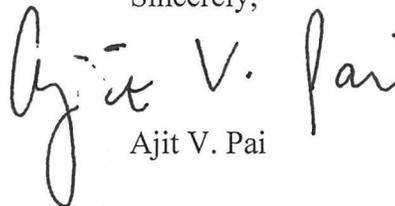
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The Honorable Brian Schatz  
United States Senate  
722 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Edward J. Markey  
United States Senate  
255 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Markey:

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The Honorable Elizabeth Warren  
United States Senate  
317 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Warren:

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The Honorable Heidi Heitkamp  
United States Senate  
110 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

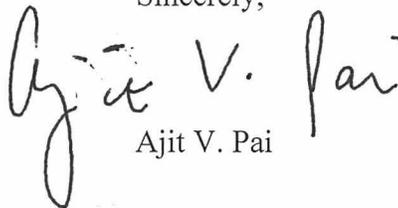
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The Honorable Kirsten Gillibrand  
United States Senate  
478 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

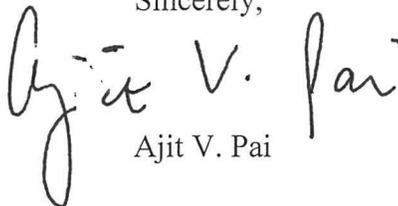
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The Honorable Richard Blumenthal  
United States Senate  
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Washington, D.C. 20510

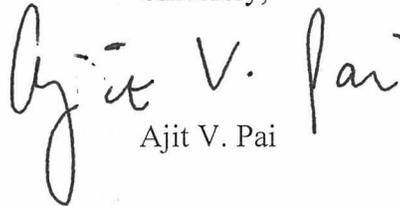
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United States Senate  
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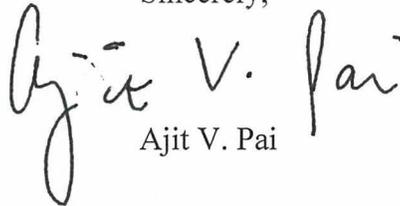
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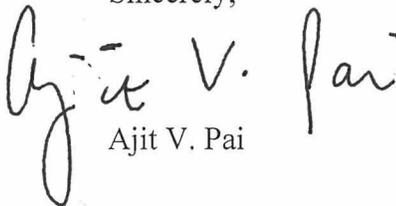
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The Honorable Tammy Baldwin  
United States Senate  
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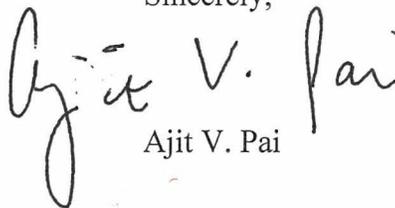
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The Honorable Tom Udall  
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