



FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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May 30, 2018

The Honorable Roger Wicker
United States Senate
555 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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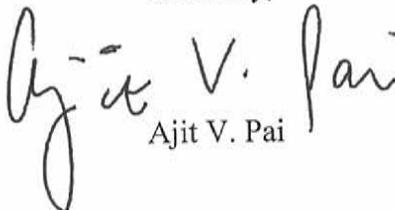
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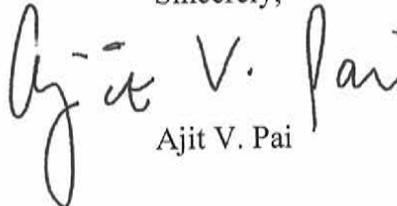
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260 Russell Senate Office Building
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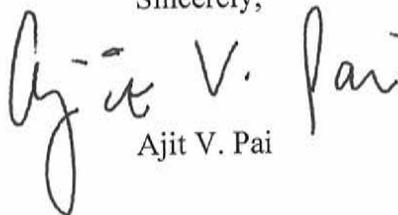
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United States Senate
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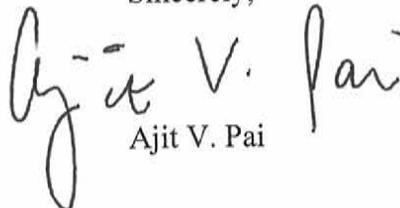
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United States Senate
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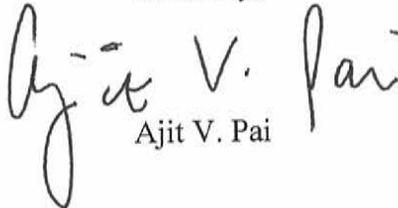
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316 Hart Senate Office Building
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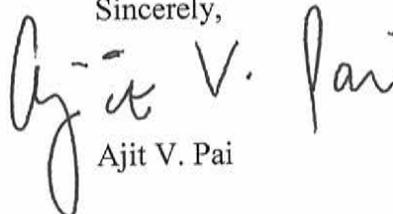
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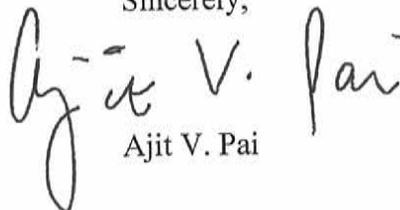
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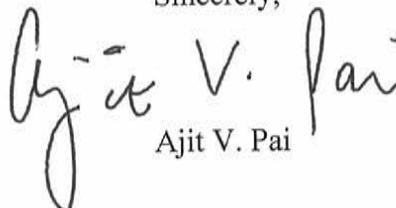
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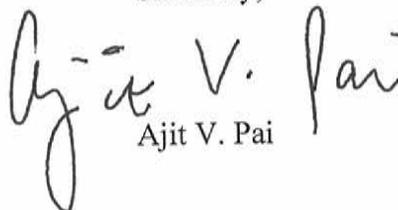
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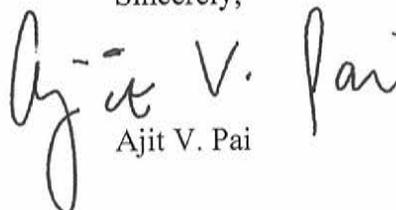
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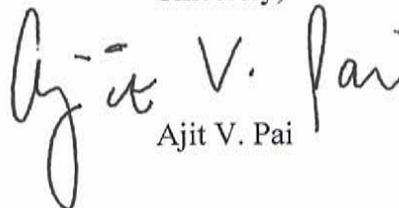
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United States Senate
G12 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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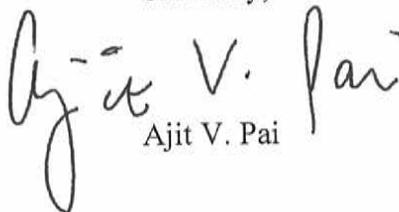
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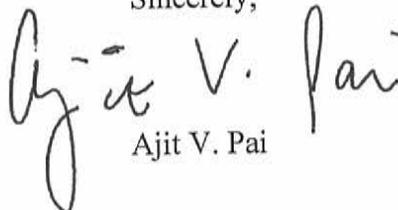
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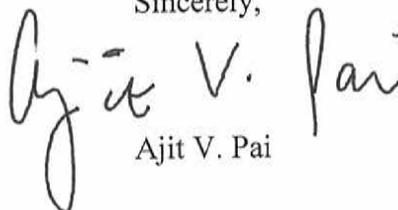
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United States Senate
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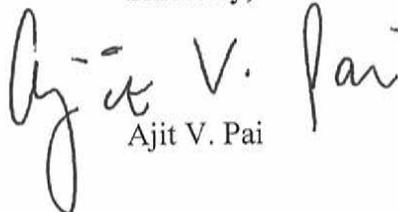
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United States Senate
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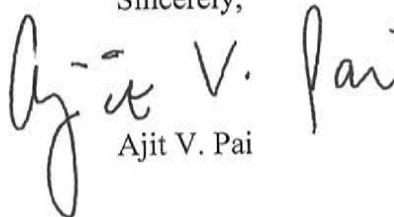
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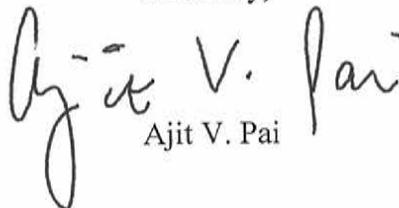
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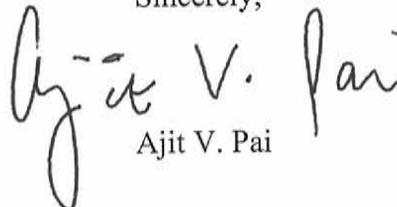
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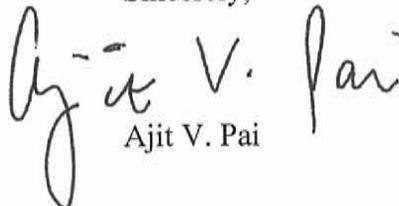
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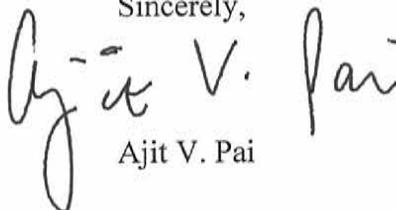
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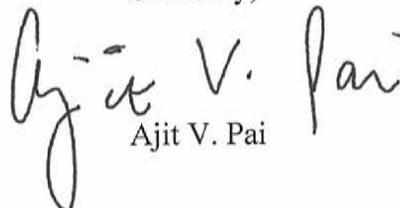
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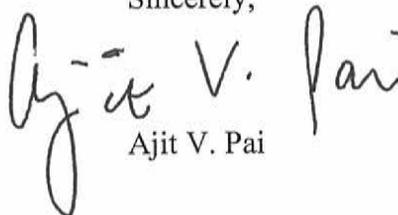
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May 30, 2018

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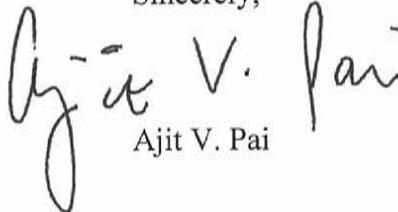
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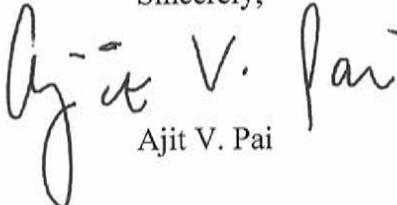
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United States Senate
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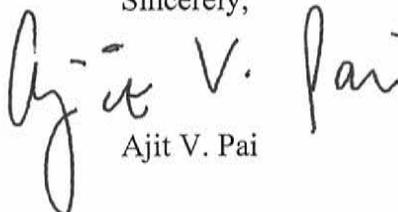
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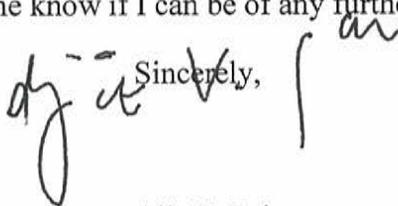
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