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June 7, 2018

The Honorable Brendan F. Boyle  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1133 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Boyle:

Thank you for your letter regarding increasing broadband deployment in rural Pennsylvania through the Connect America Fund Phase II (CAF Phase II) competitive bidding process rules.

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The Honorable Robert A. Brady  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2004 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Brady:

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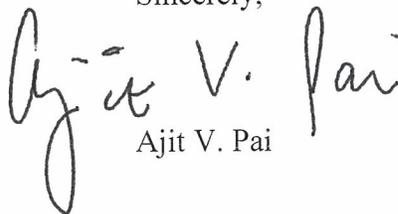
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U.S. House of Representatives  
239 Cannon House Office Building  
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1105 Longworth House Office Building  
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The Honorable Ryan Costello  
U.S. House of Representatives  
326 Cannon House Office Building  
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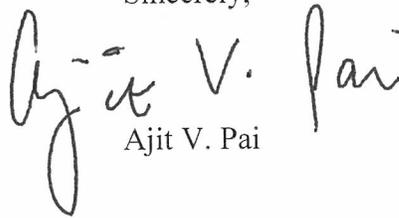
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United States Senate  
393 Russell Senate Office Building  
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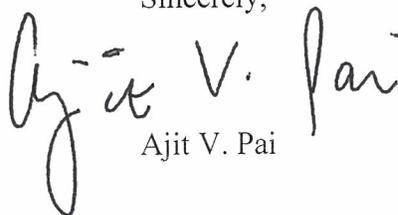
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