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The Honorable Tony Cárdenas  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1510 Longworth House Office Building  
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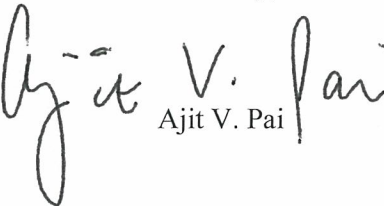
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The Honorable Anna G. Eshoo  
U.S. House of Representatives  
241 Cannon House Office Building  
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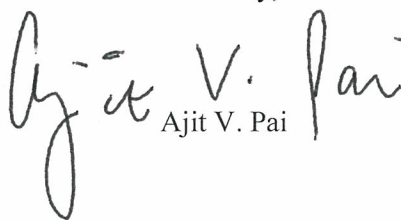
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The Honorable Yvette D. Clarke  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2058 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

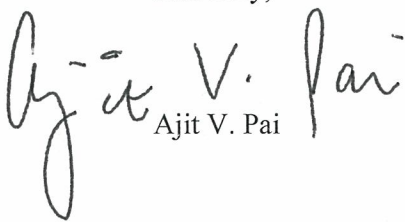
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The Honorable Jan Schakowsky  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2367 Rayburn House Office Building  
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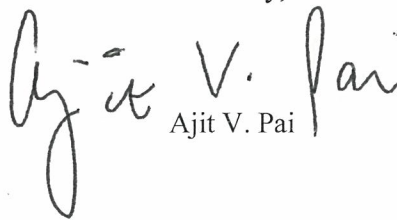
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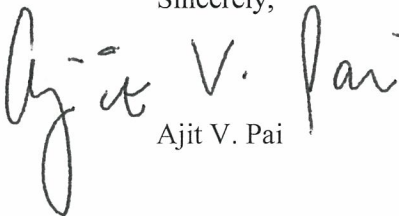
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The Honorable Alan Lowenthal  
U.S. House of Representatives  
125 Cannon House Office Building  
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Dear Congressman Lowenthal:

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The Honorable Dan Kildee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
227 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

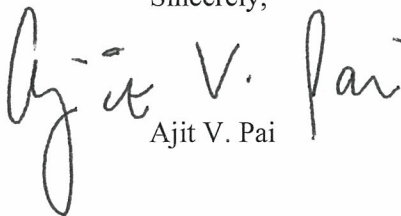
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The Honorable Pramila Jayapal  
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319 Cannon House Office Building  
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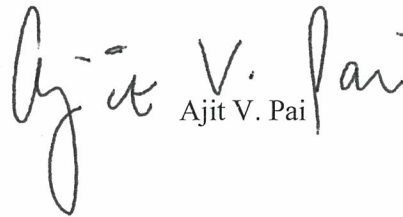
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The Honorable Jamie Raskin  
U.S. House of Representatives  
431 Cannon House Office Building  
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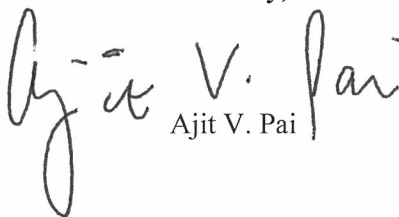
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438 Cannon House Office Building  
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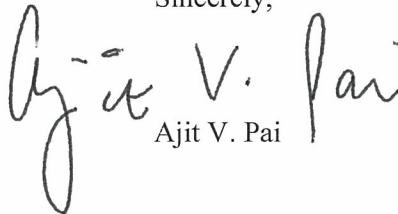
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513 Cannon House Office Building  
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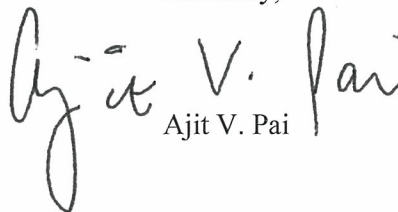
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The Honorable Earl Blumenauer  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1111 Longworth House Office Building  
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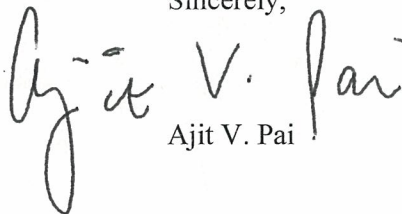
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The Honorable Don Beyer  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1119 Longworth House Office Building  
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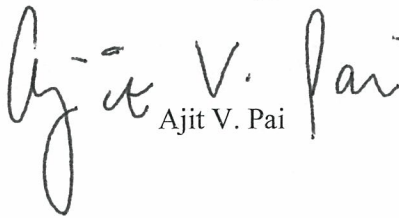
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U.S. House of Representatives  
1122 Longworth House Office Building  
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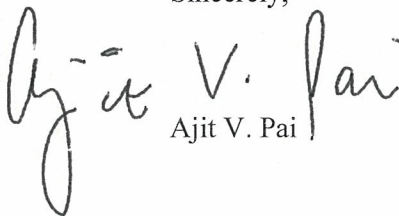
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U.S. House of Representatives  
1226 Longworth House Office Building  
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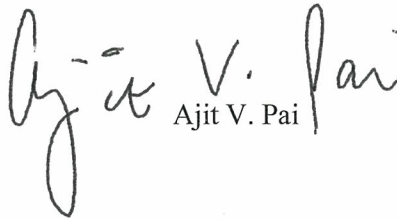
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U.S. House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Jared Huffman  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1406 Longworth House Office Building  
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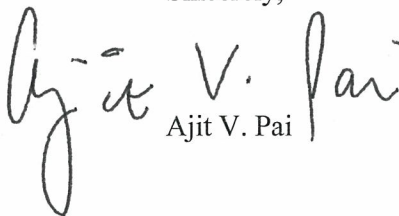
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The Honorable Darren Soto  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1429 Longworth House Office Building  
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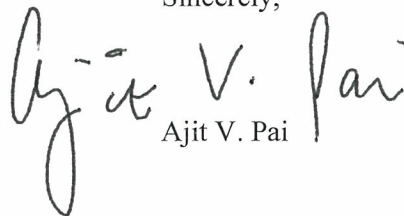
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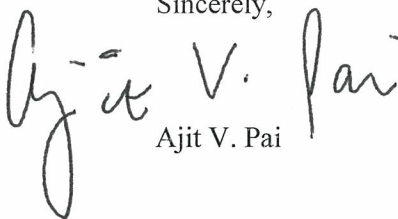
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1530 Longworth House Office Building  
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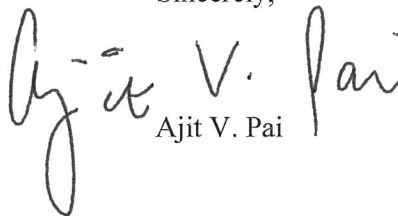
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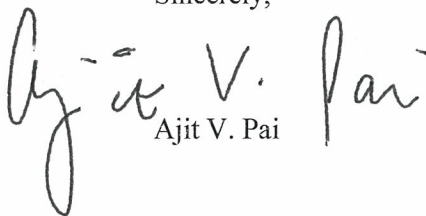
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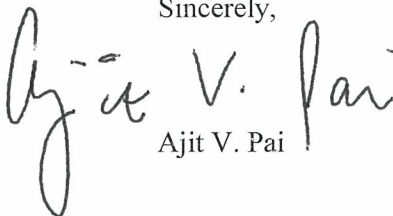
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July 23, 2018

The Honorable Lucille Roybal-Allard  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2083 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

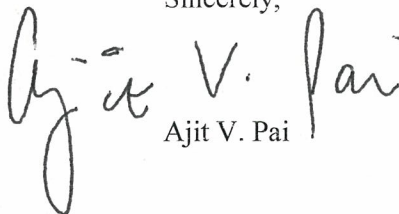
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The Honorable David E. Price  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2108 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

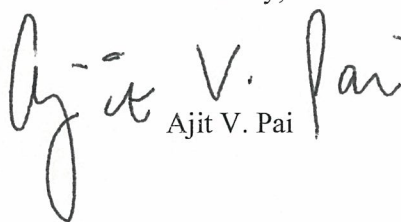
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The Honorable Peter A. DeFazio  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2134 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

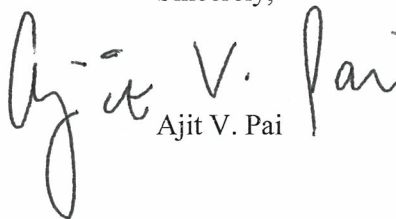
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July 23, 2018

The Honorable Chellie Pingree  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2162 Rayburn House Office Building  
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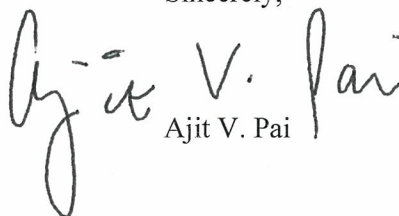
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The Honorable Marcy Kaptur  
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2186 Rayburn House Office Building  
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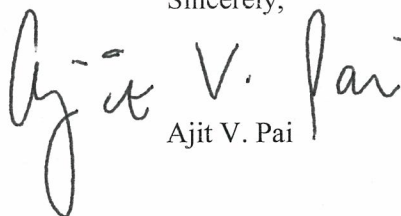
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The Honorable Bobby L. Rush  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2188 Rayburn House Office Building  
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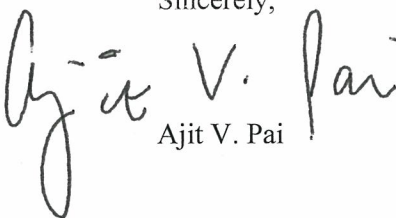
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The Honorable Betty McCollum  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2256 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

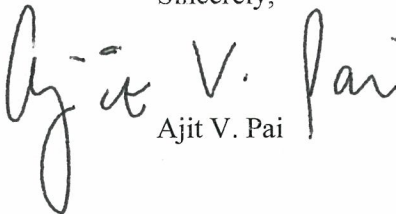
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The Honorable Keith Ellison  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2263 Rayburn House Office Building  
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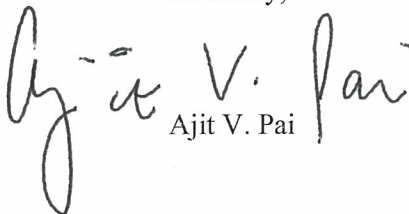
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The Honorable Adam Smith  
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2264 Rayburn House Office Building  
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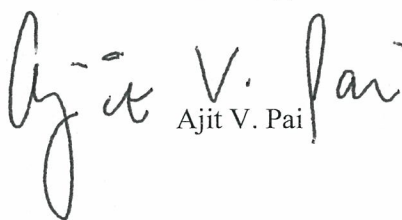
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July 23, 2018

The Honorable Jerry McNerney  
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2265 Rayburn House Office Building  
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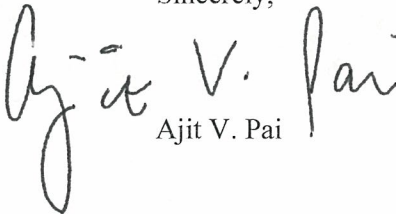
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The Honorable Barbara Lee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2267 Rayburn House Office Building  
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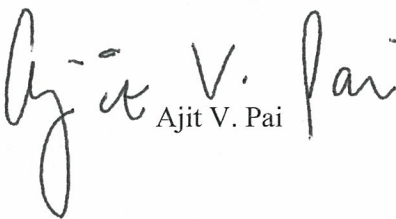
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The Honorable Nydia M. Velazquez  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2302 Rayburn House Office Building  
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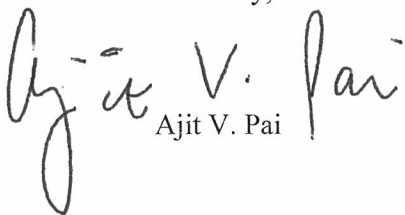
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The Honorable Peter Welch  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2303 Rayburn House Office Building  
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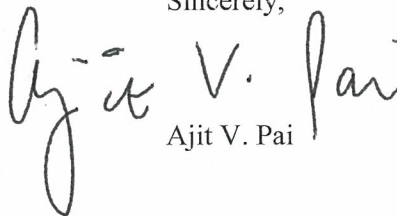
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July 23, 2018

The Honorable Carolyn B. Maloney  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2308 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

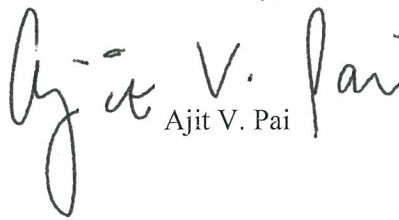
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July 23, 2018

The Honorable Jose E. Serrano  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2354 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

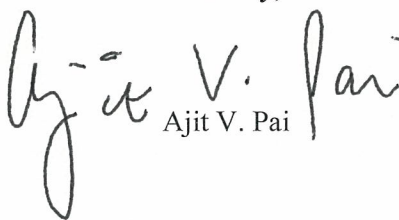
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July 23, 2018

The Honorable Steve Cohen  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2404 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

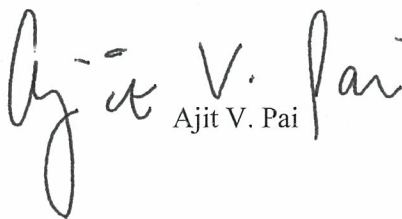
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July 23, 2018

The Honorable John Garamendi  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2438 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

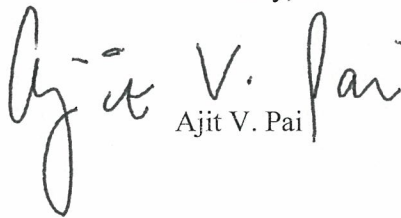
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July 23, 2018

The Honorable Mike Quigley  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2458 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

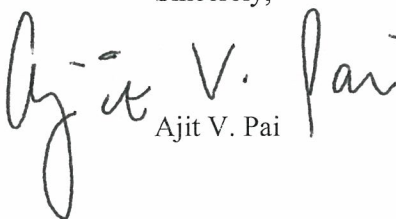
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July 23, 2018

The Honorable Lou Correa  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1039 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

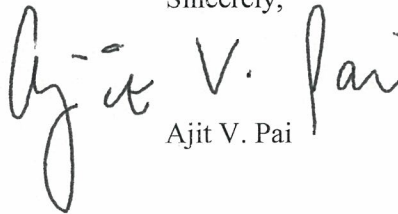
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