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September 7, 2018

The Honorable Frank Pallone
Ranking Member
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
2322A Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Pallone:

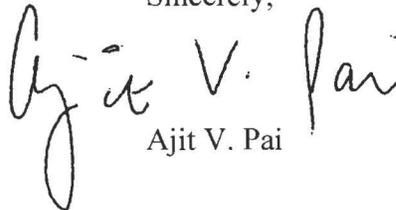
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Thank you for your continued interest in this matter. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

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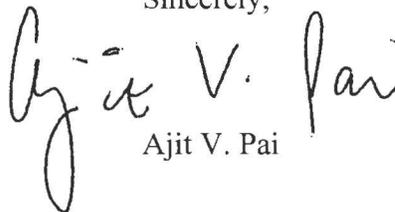
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