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The Honorable Erik Paulsen  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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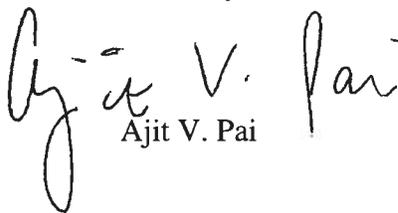
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The Honorable Paul Cook  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1222 Longworth House Office Building  
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506 Cannon House Office Building  
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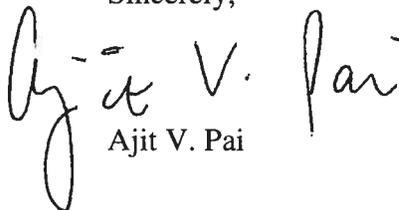
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1616 Longworth House Office Building  
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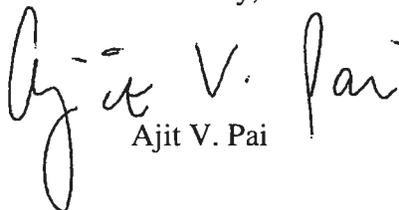
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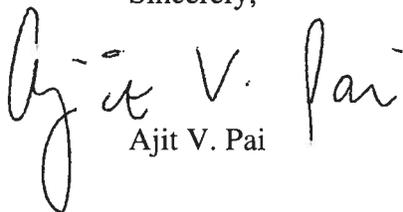
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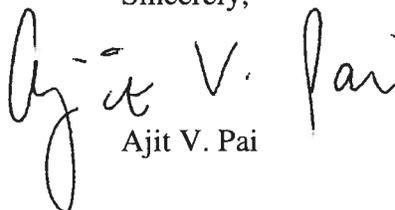
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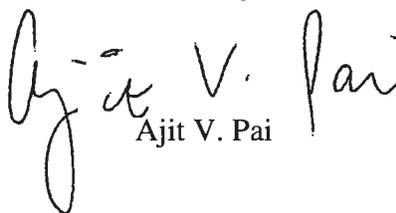
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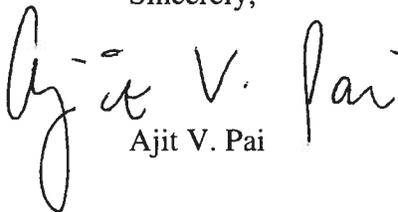
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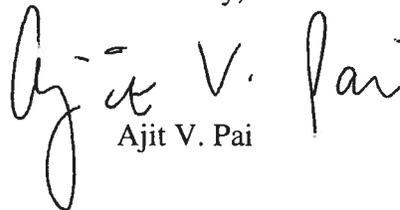
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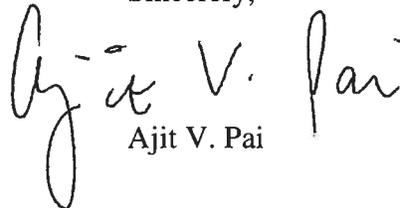
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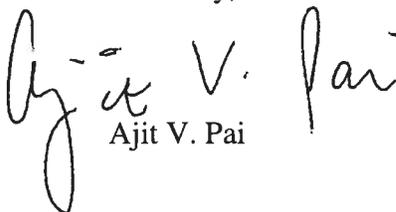
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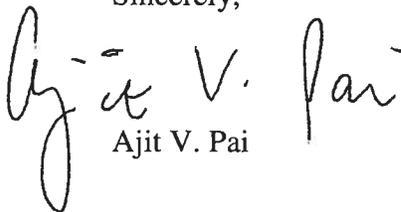
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December 31, 2018

The Honorable Tom Rice  
U.S. House of Representatives  
223 Cannon House Office Building  
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The Honorable Brenda Lawrence  
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1213 Longworth House Office Building  
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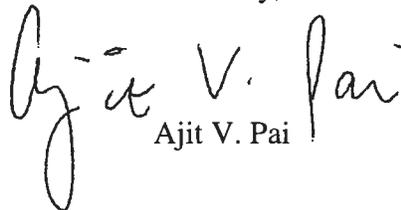
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December 31, 2018

The Honorable Larry Bucshon  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1005 Longworth House Office Building  
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December 31, 2018

The Honorable William Lacy Clay  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2428 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart  
U.S. House of Representatives  
440 Cannon House Office Building  
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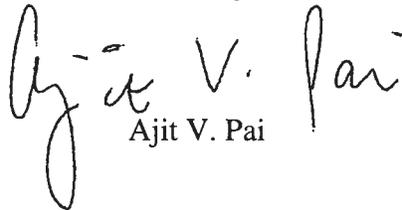
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The Honorable Hank Johnson  
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2240 Rayburn House Office Building  
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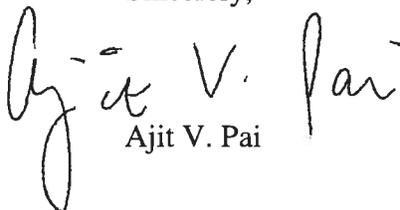
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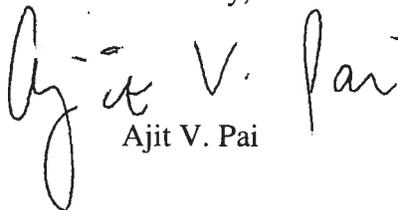
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The Honorable Ann McLane Kuster  
U.S. House of Representatives  
137 Cannon House Office Building  
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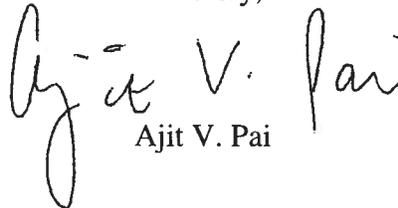
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The Honorable Susan W. Brooks  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1030 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

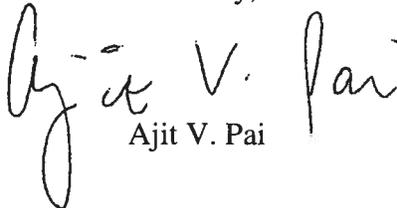
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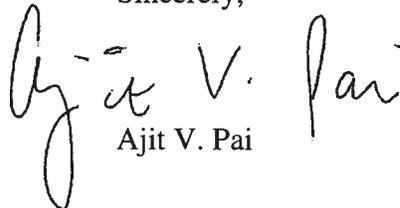
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The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers  
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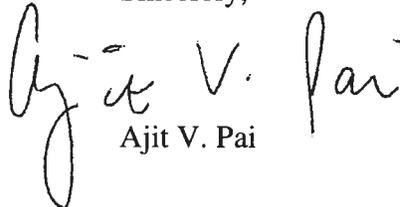
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The Honorable Robert A. Brady  
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