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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON

March 1, 2019

The Honorable Maggie Hassan
United States Senate
330 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Hassan:

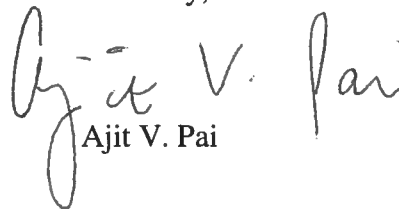
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I appreciate your continued interest in this matter. Please contact me if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,


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The Honorable Ann McLane Kuster
U.S. House of Representatives
137 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Kuster:

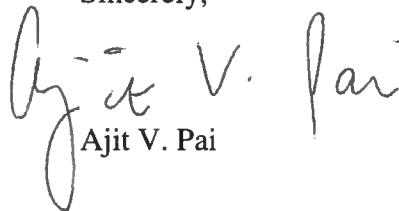
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