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June 11, 2019

The Honorable Tom Udall  
United States Senate  
531 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Udall:

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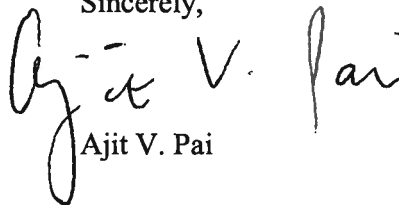
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United States Senate  
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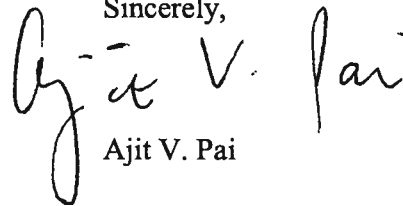
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United States Senate  
255 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
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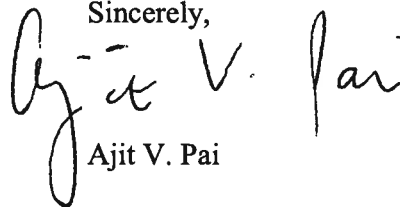
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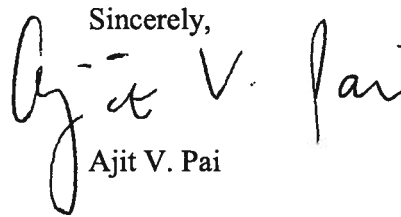
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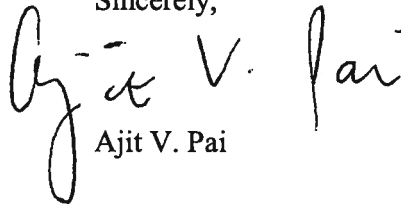
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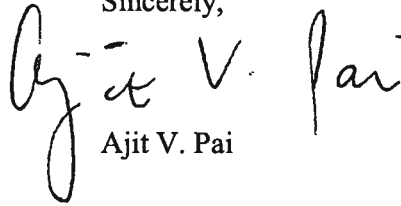
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