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August 21, 2019

The Honorable Anthony Brindisi
U.S. House of Representatives
329 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Brindisi:

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The Honorable Elise Stefanik
U.S. House of Representatives
318 Cannon House Office Building
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The Honorable Antonio Delgado
U.S. House of Representatives
1007 Longworth House Office Building
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The Honorable Paul Tonko
U.S. House of Representatives
2463 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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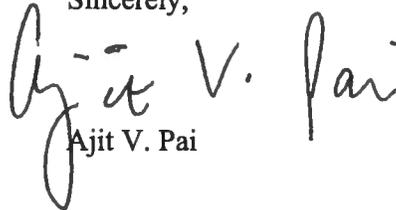
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U.S. House of Representatives
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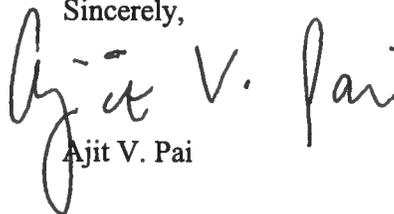
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