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December 2, 2019

The Honorable Anna G. Eshoo
U.S. House of Representatives
202 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Eshoo:

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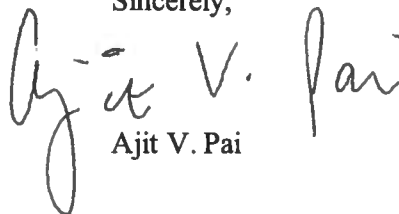
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The Honorable G.K. Butterfield
U.S. House of Representatives
2080 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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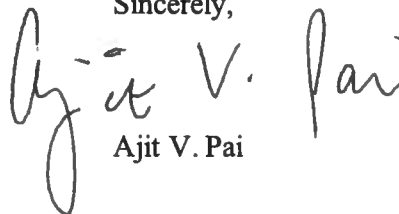
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The Honorable Jan Schakowsky
U.S. House of Representatives
2367 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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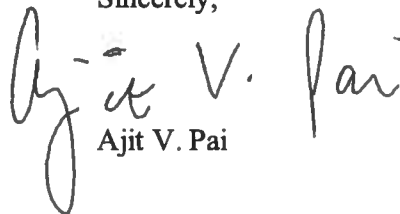
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2265 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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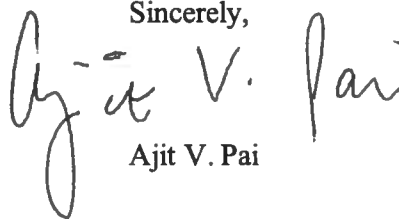
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U.S. House of Representatives
2052 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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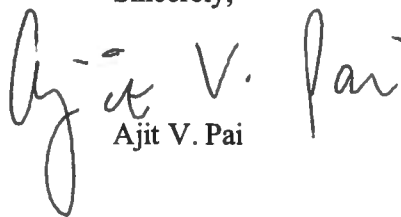
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The Honorable Marc Veasey
U.S. House of Representatives
1519 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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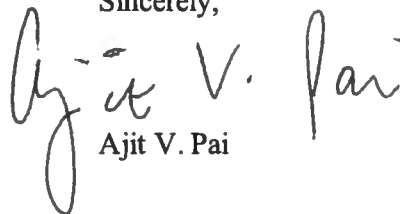
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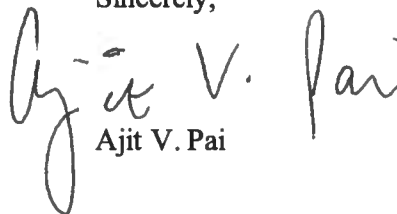
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