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December 2, 2019

The Honorable Pete Olson
U.S. House of Representatives
2133 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Olson:

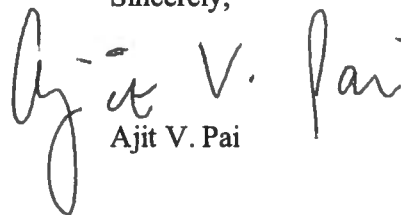
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Ajit V. Pai



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The Honorable Bill Flores
U.S. House of Representatives
2440 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Jodey Cook Arrington
U.S. House of Representatives
1029 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Arrington:

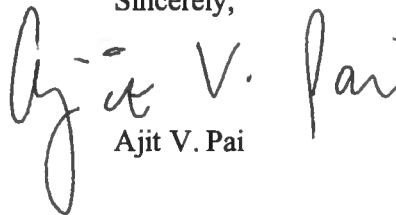
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1011 Longworth House Office Building
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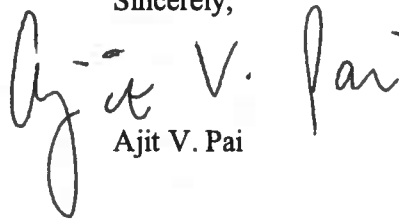
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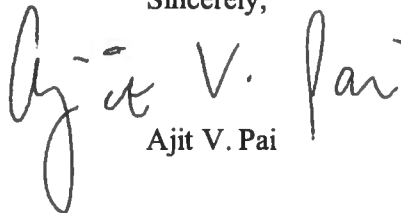
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U.S. House of Representatives
2243 Rayburn House Office Building
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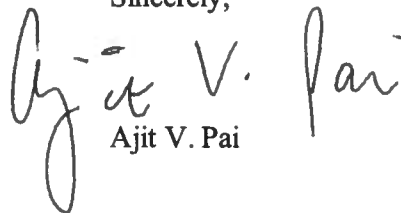
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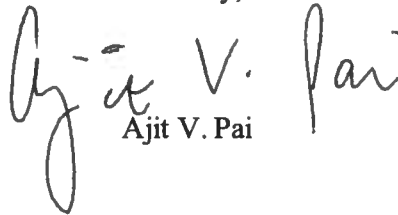
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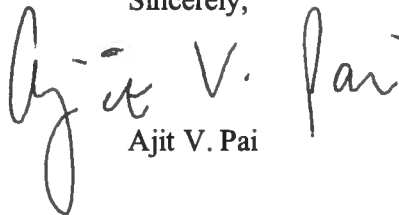
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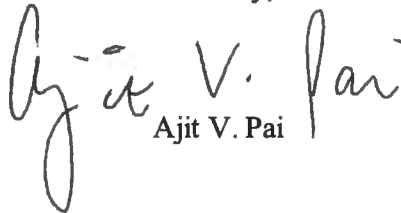
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