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April 3, 2020

The Honorable Harley Rouda
U.S. House of Representatives
2300 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Rouda:

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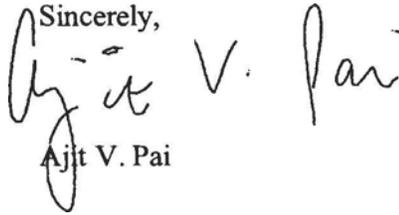
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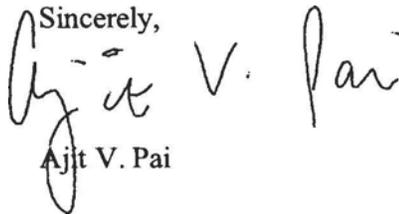
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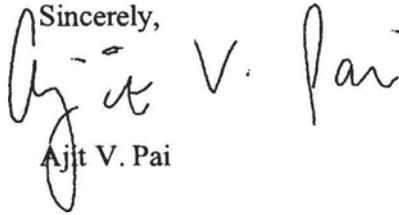
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The Honorable Grace F. Napolitano
U.S. House of Representatives
1610 Longworth House Office Building
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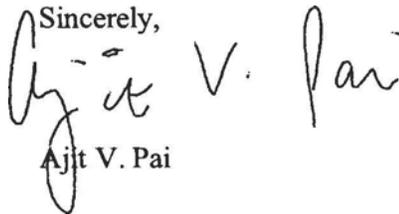
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U.S. House of Representatives
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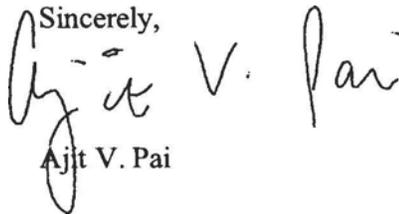
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408 Cannon House Office Building
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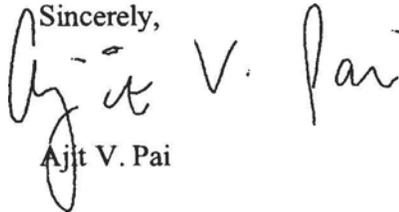
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The Honorable Ted Budd
U.S. House of Representatives
118 Cannon House Office Building
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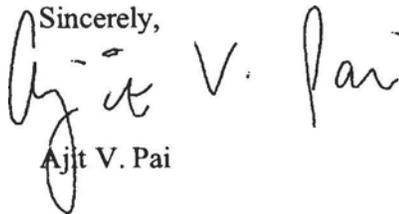
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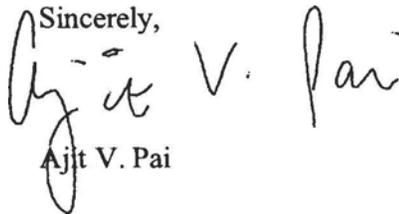
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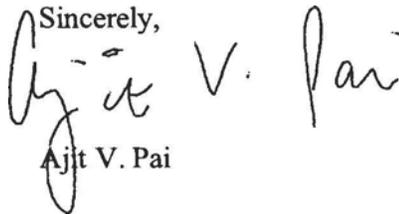
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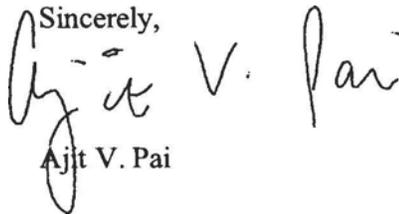
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OFFICE OF
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April 3, 2020

The Honorable Mike Thompson
U.S. House of Representatives
231 Cannon House Office Building
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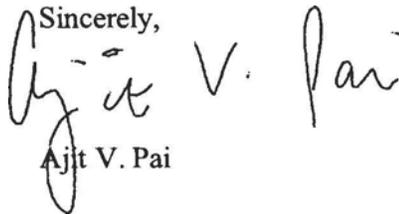
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The Honorable Madeleine Dean
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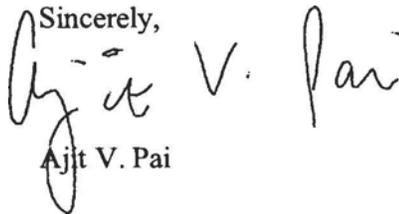
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The Honorable Jennifer Wexton
U.S. House of Representatives
1217 Longworth House Office Building
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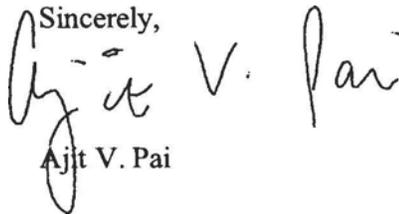
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U.S. House of Representatives
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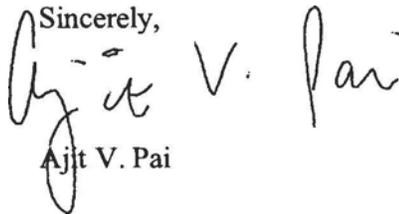
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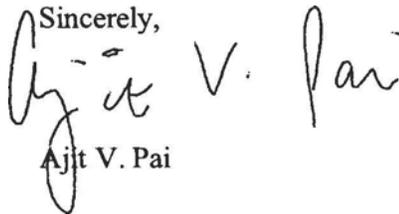
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U.S. House of Representatives
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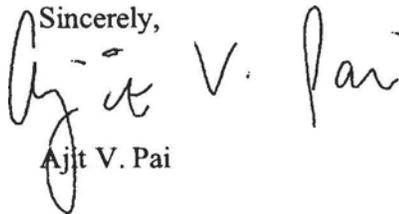
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The Honorable Earl Blumenauer
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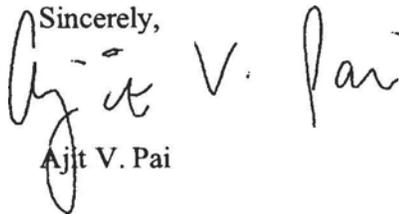
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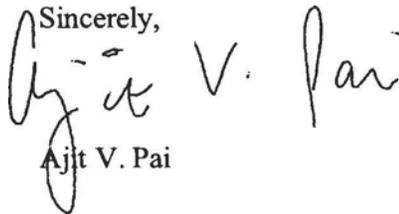
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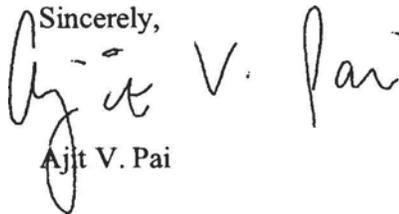
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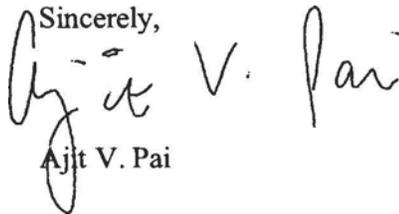
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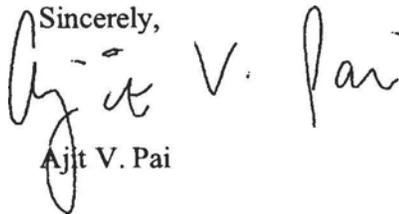
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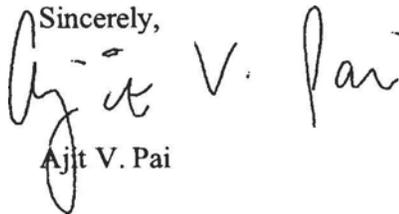
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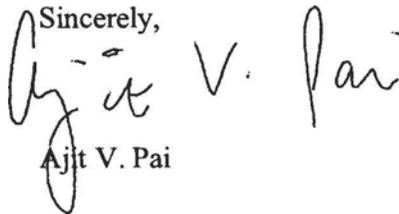
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U.S. House of Representatives
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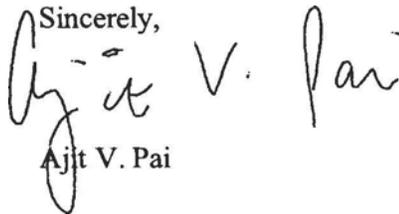
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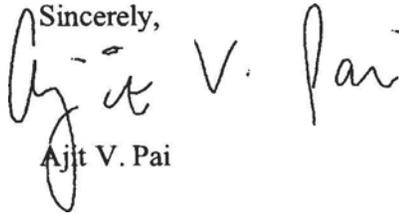
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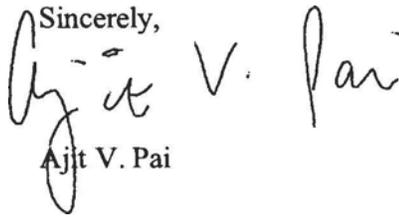
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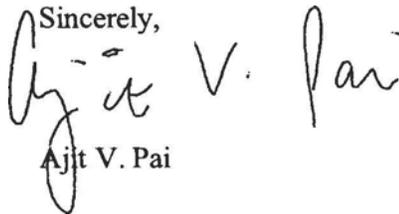
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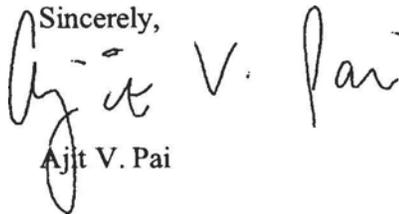
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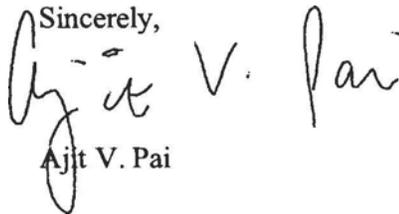
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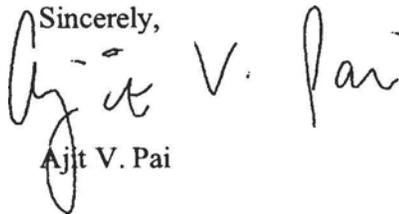
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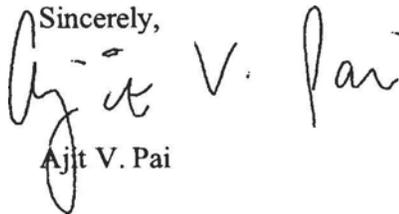
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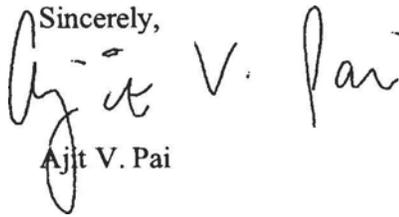
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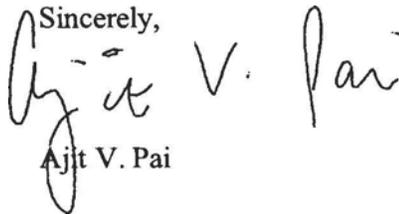
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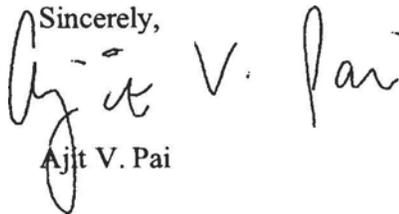
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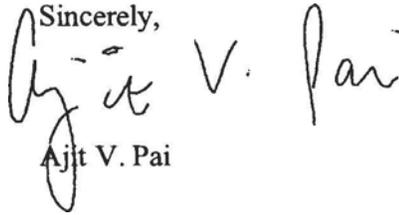
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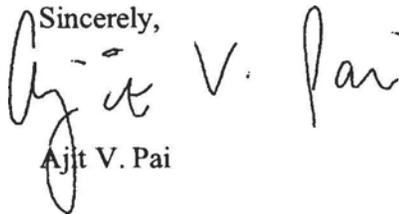
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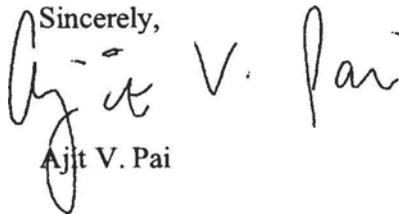
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April 3, 2020

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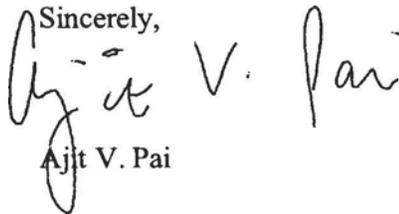
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The Honorable Xochitl Torres Small
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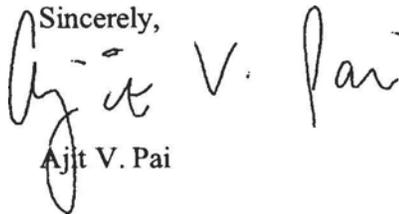
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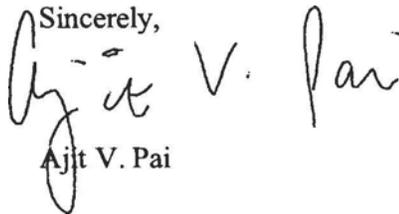
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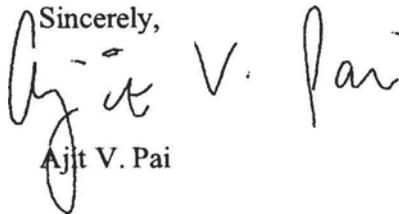
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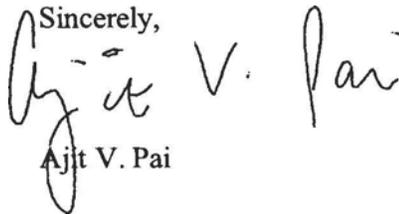
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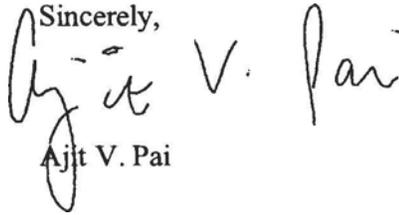
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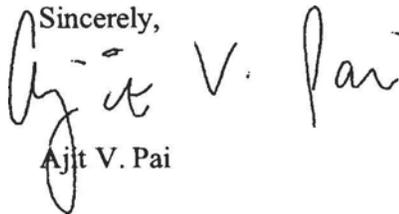
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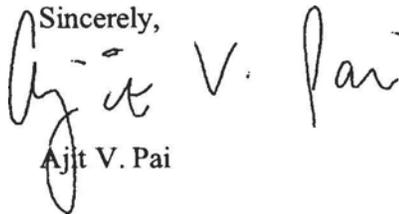
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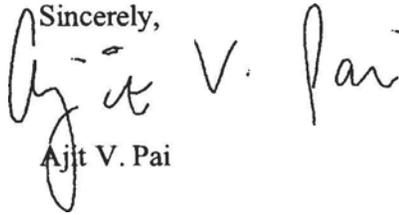
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OFFICE OF
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April 3, 2020

The Honorable Jackie Speier
U.S. House of Representatives
2465 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Speier:

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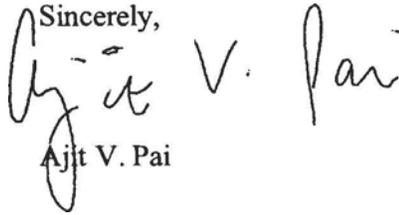
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The Honorable Sheila Jackson Lee
U.S. House of Representatives
2187 Rayburn House Office Building
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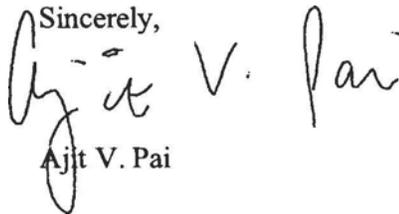
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The Honorable Jim Hagedorn
U.S. House of Representatives
325 Cannon House Office Building
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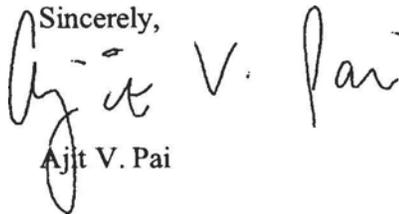
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U.S. House of Representatives
2182 Rayburn House Office Building
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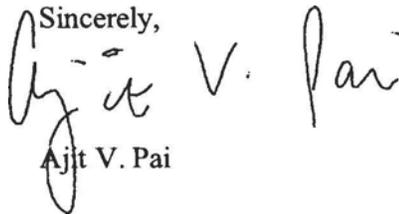
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The Honorable Pete Stauber
U.S. House of Representatives
126 Cannon House Office Building
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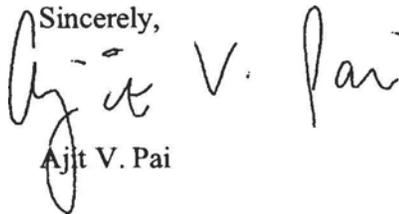
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April 3, 2020

The Honorable Dan Kildee
U.S. House of Representatives
203 Cannon House Office Building
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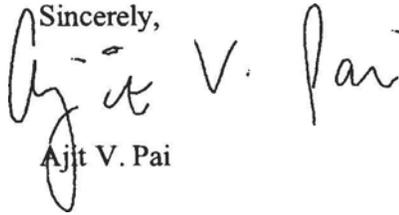
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The Honorable Linda T. Sánchez
U.S. House of Representatives
2329 Rayburn House Office Building
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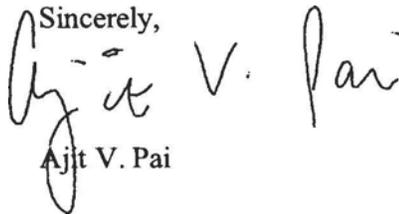
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The Honorable Al Lawson
U.S. House of Representatives
1337 Longworth House Office Building
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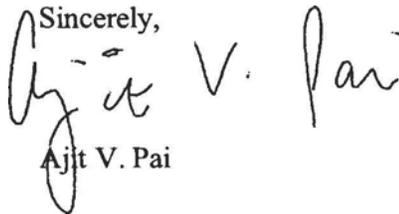
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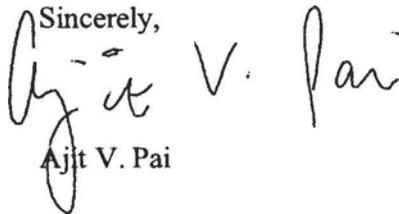
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April 3, 2020

The Honorable Tom Cole
U.S. House of Representatives
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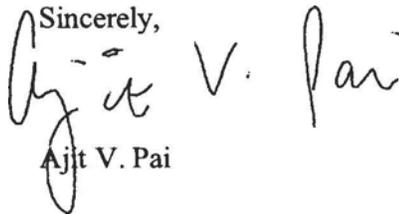
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The Honorable John Yarmuth
U.S. House of Representatives
402 Cannon House Office Building
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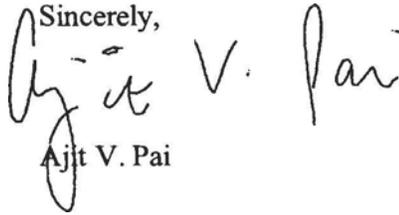
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U.S. House of Representatives
1415 Longworth House Office Building
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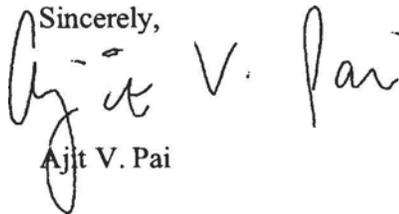
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U.S. House of Representatives
412 Cannon House Office Building
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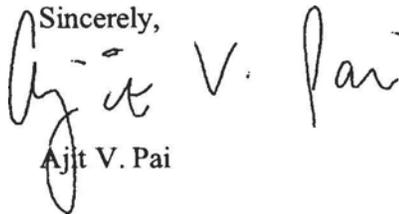
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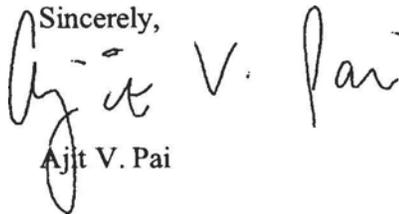
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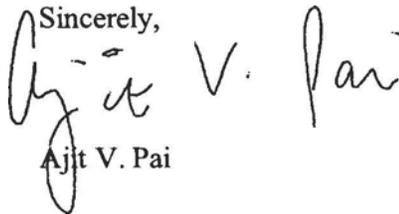
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The Honorable Pramila Jayapal
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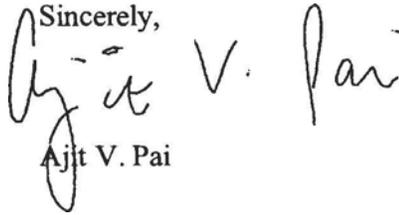
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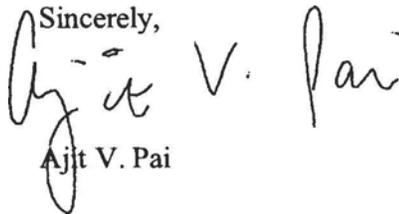
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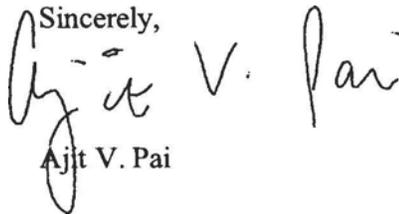
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OFFICE OF
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April 3, 2020

The Honorable Jaime Herrera Beutler
U.S. House of Representatives
1107 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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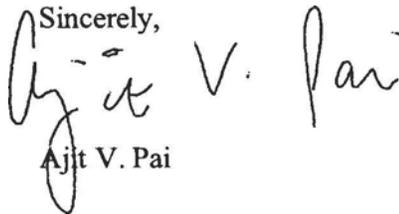
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The Honorable TJ Cox
U.S. House of Representatives
1728 Longworth House Office Building
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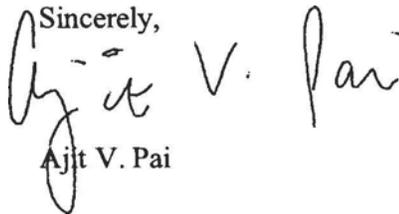
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The Honorable Marcia L. Fudge
U.S. House of Representatives
2344 Rayburn House Office Building
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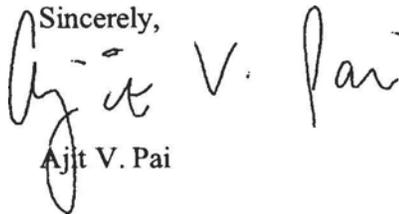
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U.S. House of Representatives
117 Cannon House Office Building
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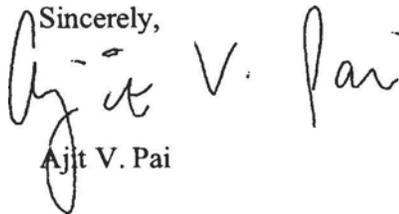
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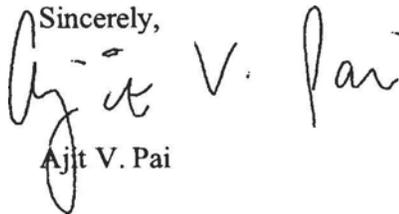
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U.S. House of Representatives
2113 Rayburn House Office Building
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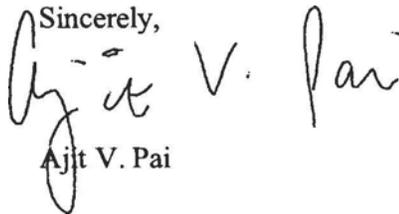
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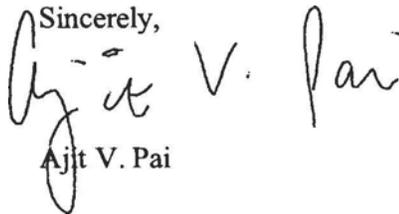
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The Honorable Lucy McBath
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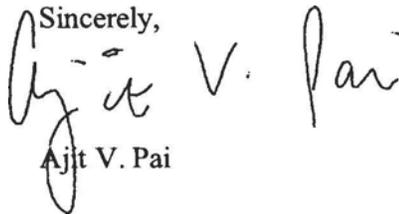
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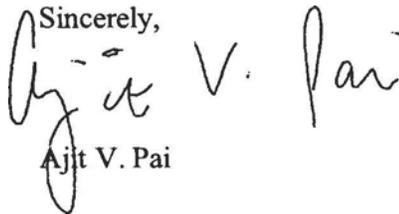
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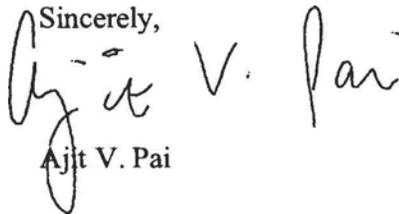
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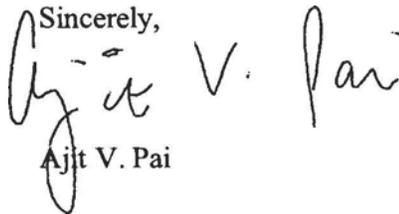
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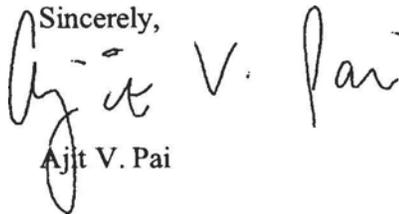
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U.S. House of Representatives
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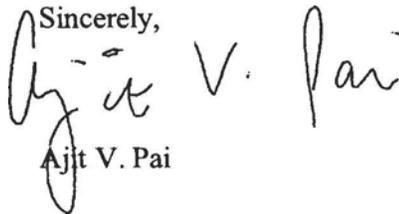
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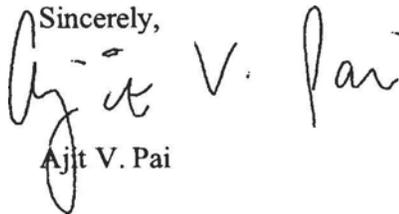
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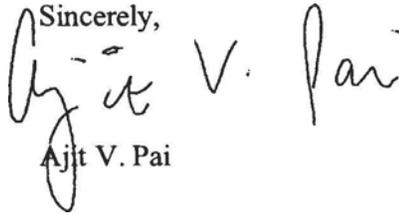
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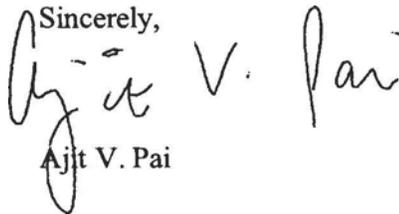
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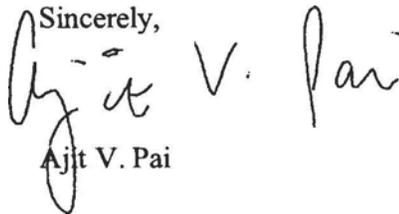
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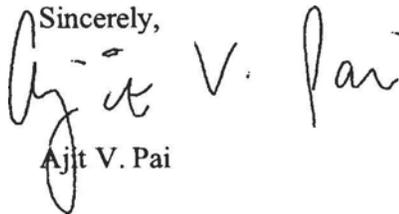
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OFFICE OF
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April 3, 2020

The Honorable Mikie Sherill
U.S. House of Representatives
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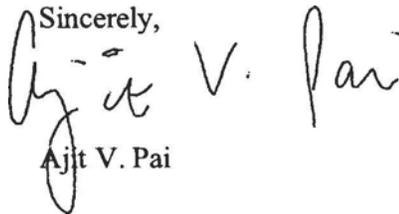
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U.S. House of Representatives
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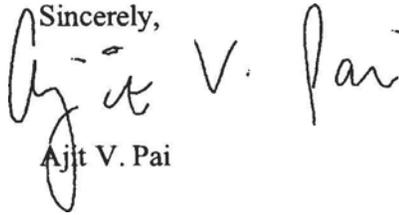
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April 3, 2020

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U.S. House of Representatives
403 Cannon House Office Building
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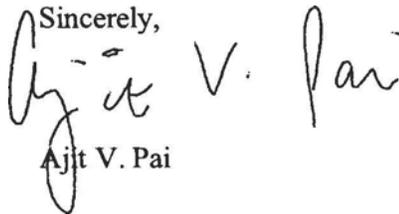
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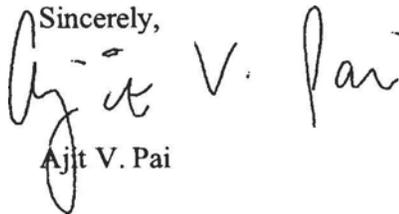
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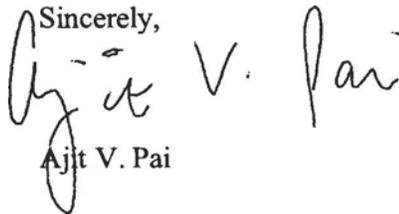
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U.S. House of Representatives
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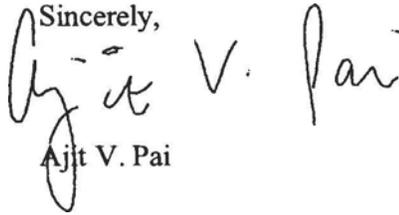
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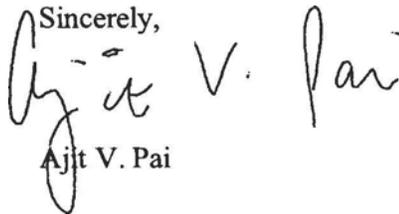
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