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May 27, 2020

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The Honorable Cindy Axne
U.S. House of Representatives
330 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Axne:

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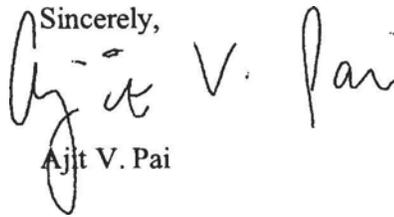
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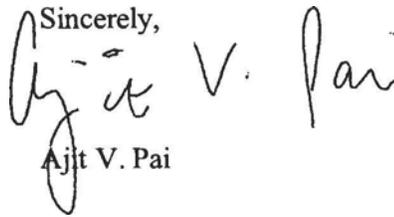
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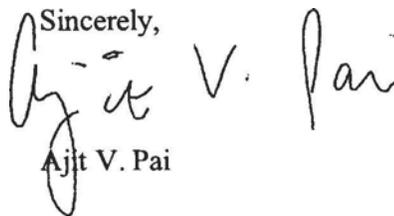
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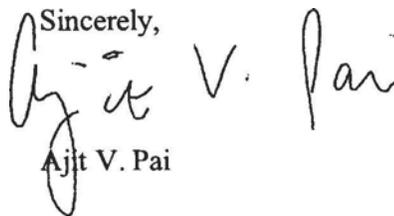
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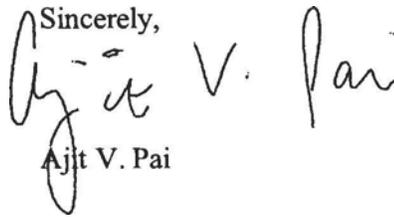
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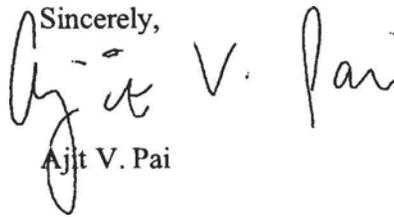
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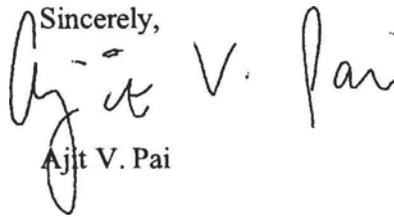
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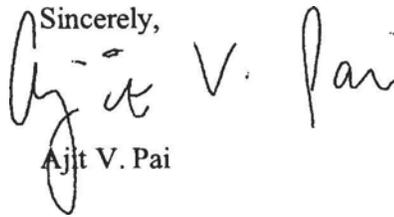
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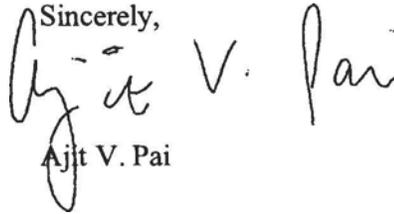
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May 27, 2020

The Honorable TJ Cox
U.S. House of Representatives
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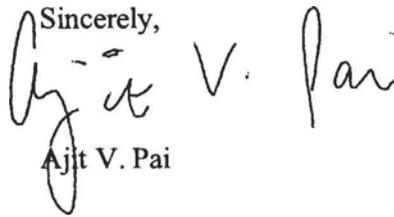
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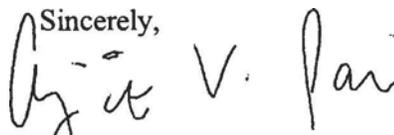
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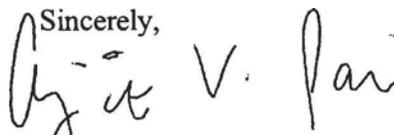
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The Honorable Peter A. DeFazio
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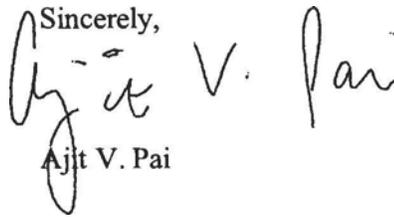
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The Honorable Debbie Dingell
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116 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Dingell:

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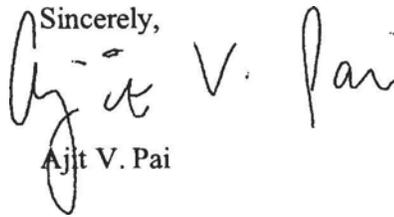
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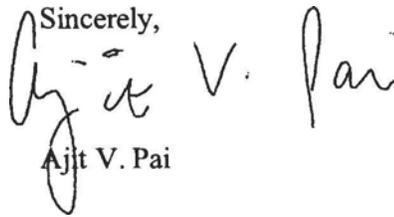
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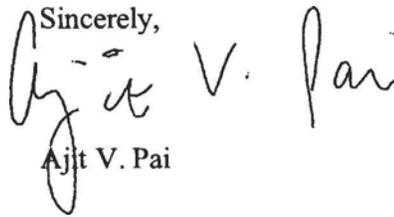
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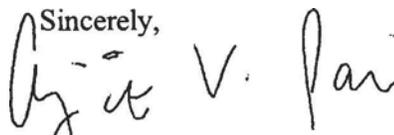
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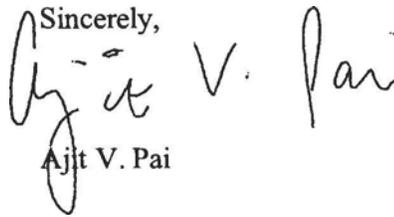
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May 27, 2020

The Honorable Chrissy Houlahan
U.S. House of Representatives
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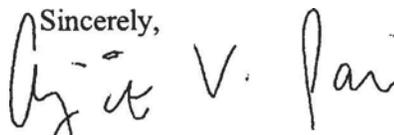
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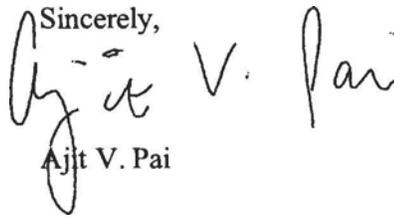
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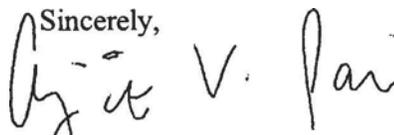
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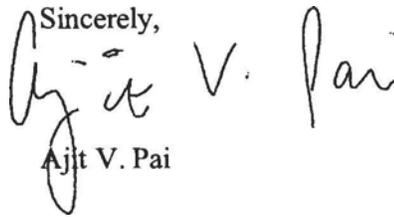
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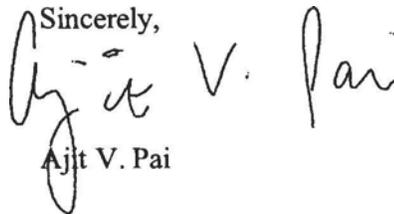
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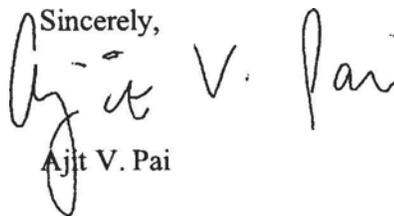
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403 Cannon House Office Building
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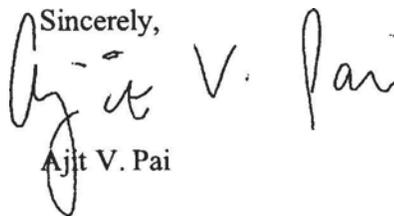
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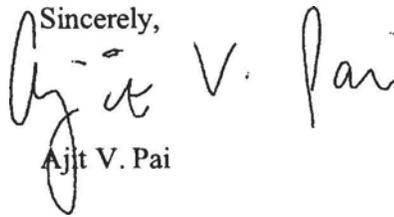
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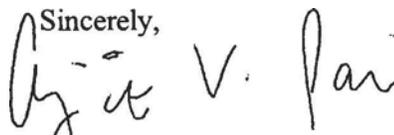
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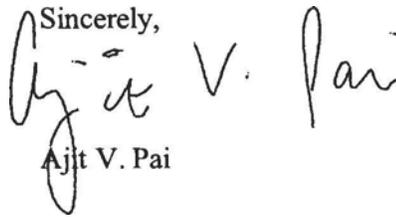
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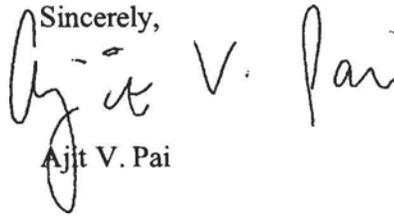
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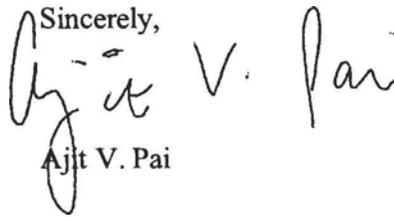
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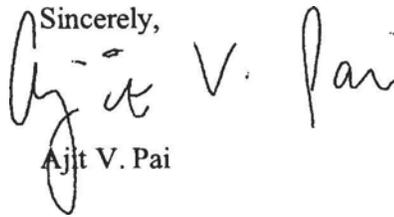
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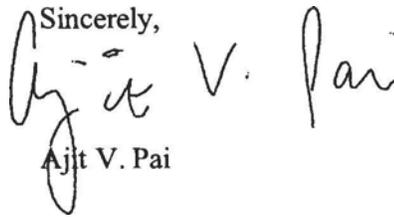
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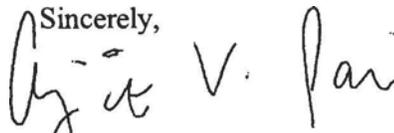
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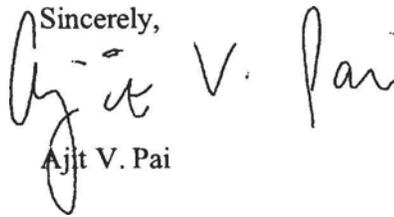
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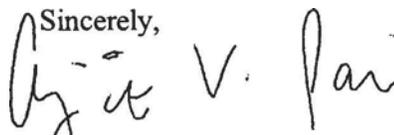
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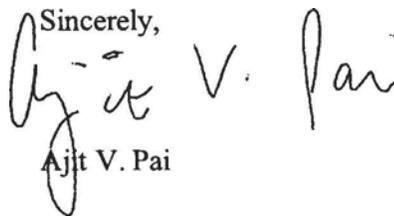
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The Honorable Harley Rouda
U.S. House of Representatives
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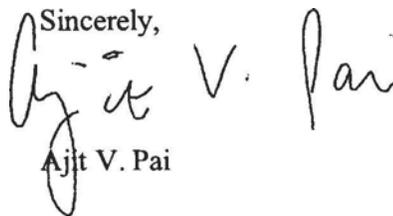
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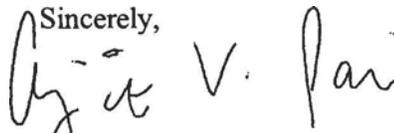
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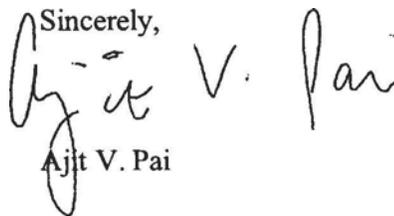
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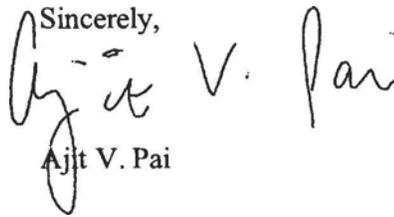
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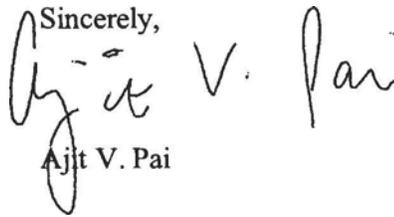
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The Honorable Terri A. Sewell
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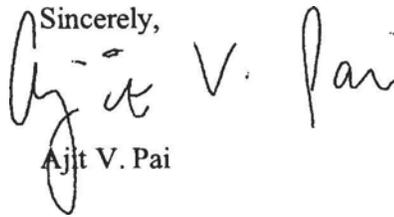
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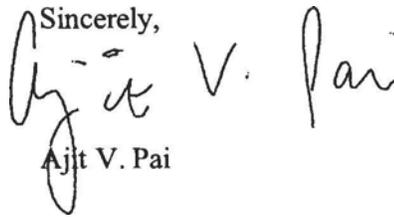
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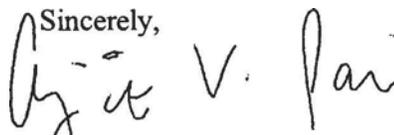
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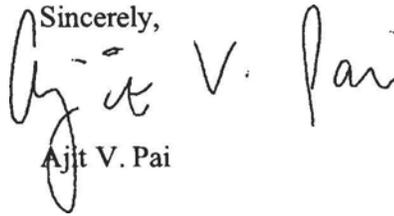
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May 27, 2020

The Honorable Elise Stefanik
U.S. House of Representatives
318 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Stefanik:

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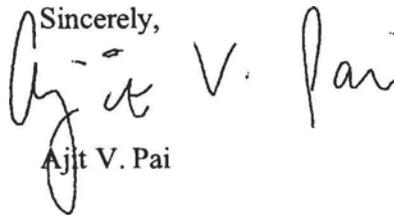
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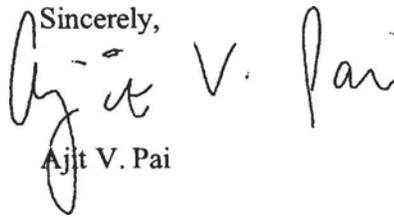
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The Honorable Rashida Tlaib
U.S. House of Representatives
1628 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Tlaib:

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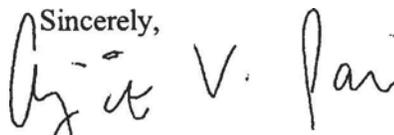
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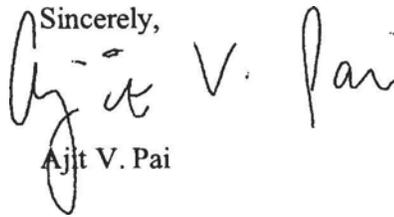
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U.S. House of Representatives
2302 Rayburn House Office Building
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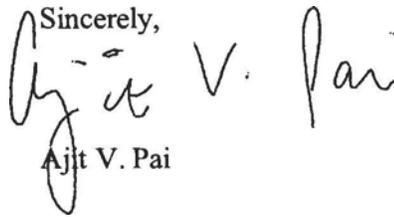
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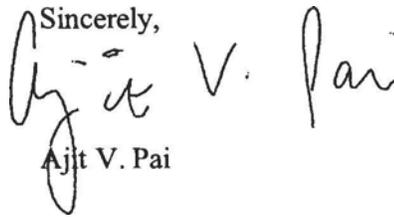
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The Honorable Jennifer Wexton
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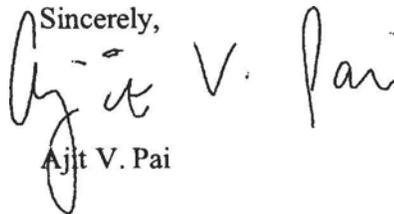
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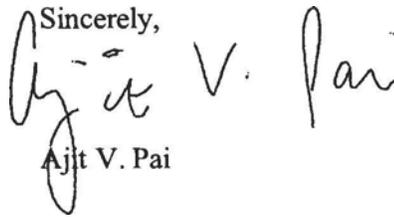
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