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OFFICE OF
THE CHAIRMAN

June 23, 2020

The Honorable Richard Blumenthal
United States Senate
706 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

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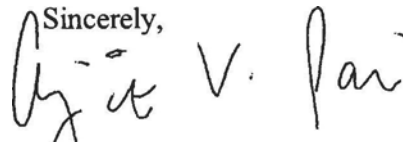
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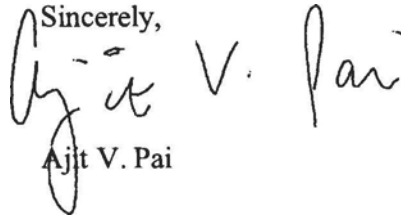
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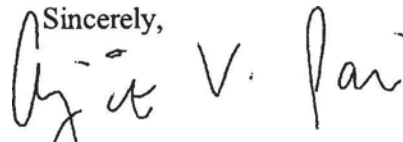
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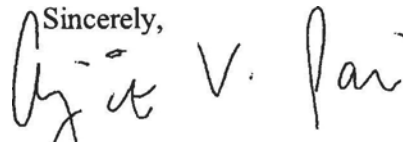
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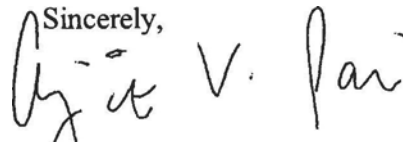
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United States Senate
730 Hart Senate Office Building
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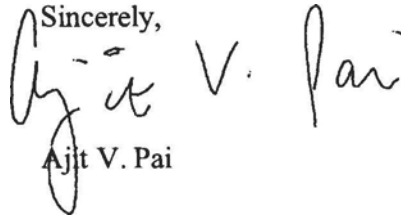
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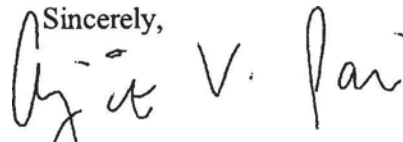
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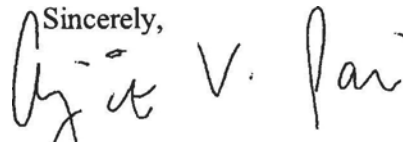
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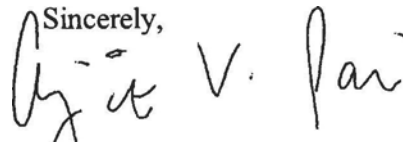
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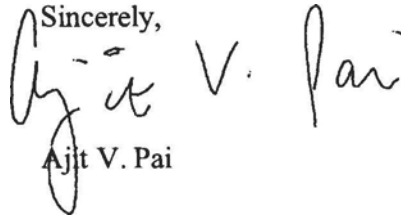
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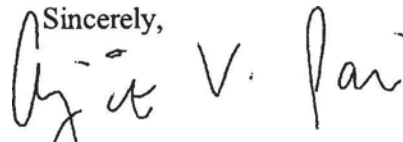
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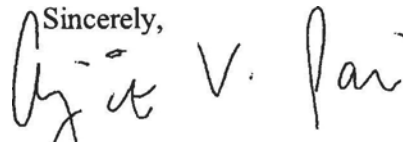
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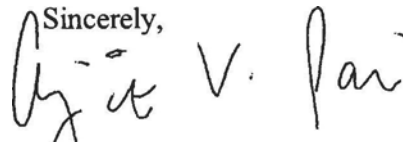
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June 23, 2020

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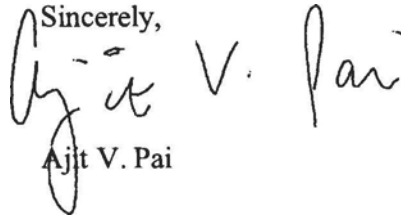
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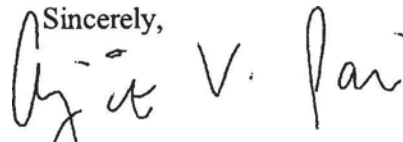
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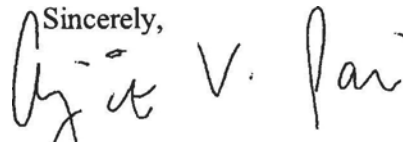
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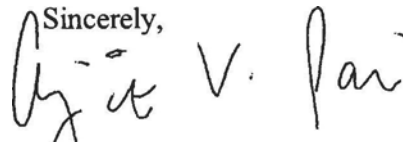
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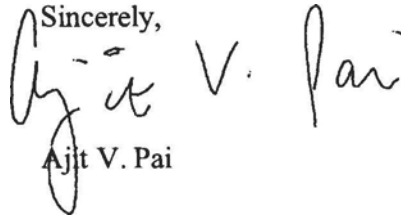
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