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July 24, 2020

The Honorable Gus Bilirakis
U.S. House of Representatives
2112 Rayburn House Office Building
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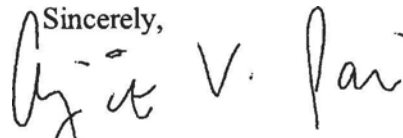
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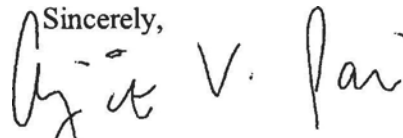
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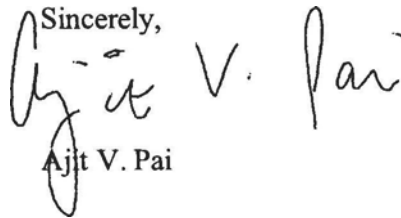
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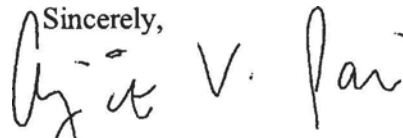
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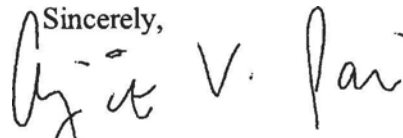
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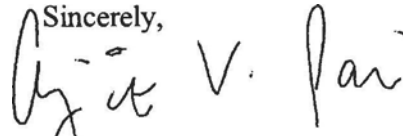
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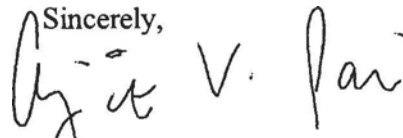
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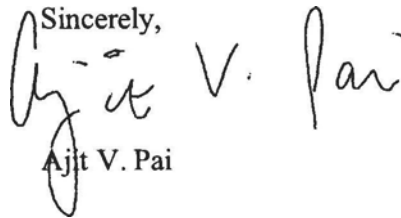
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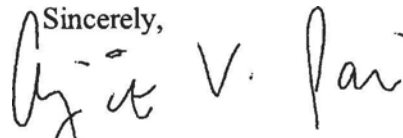
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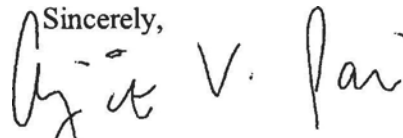
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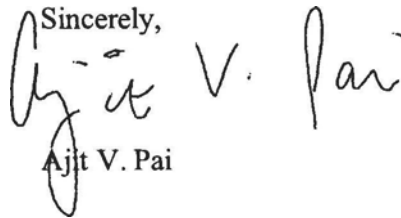
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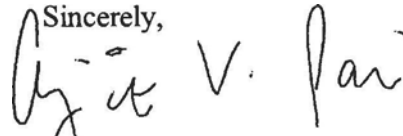
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July 24, 2020

The Honorable Bob Latta
Ranking Member
Committee on Energy and Commerce
Subcommittee on Communications and Technology
U.S. House of Representatives
2322A Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Latta:

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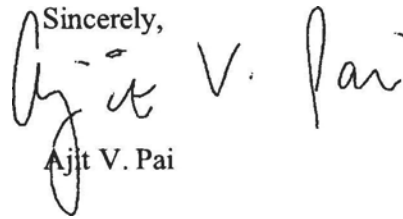
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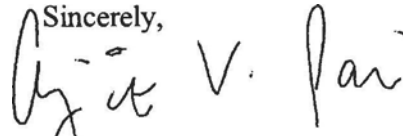
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U.S. House of Representatives
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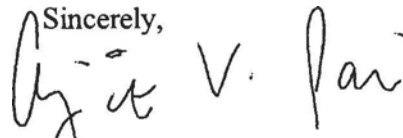
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U.S. House of Representatives
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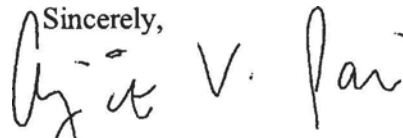
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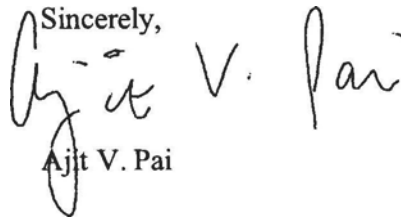
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U.S. House of Representatives
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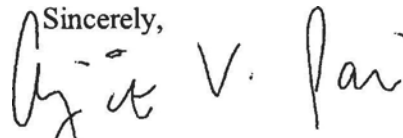
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U.S. House of Representatives
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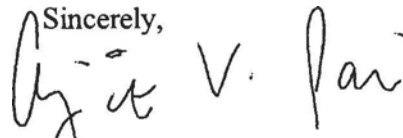
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U.S. House of Representatives
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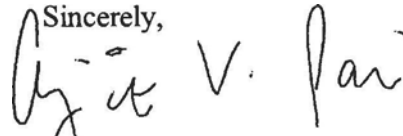
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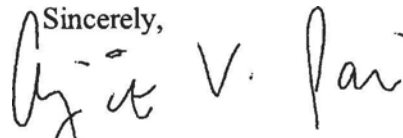
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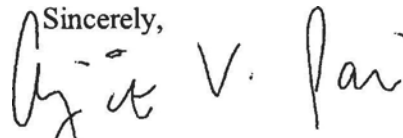
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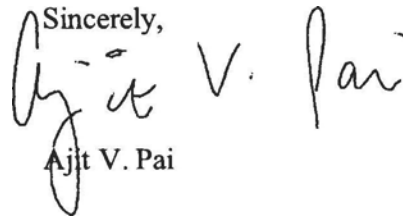
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The Declaratory Ruling adopted on June 9 clarifies the Commission’s 2014 rules with regard to when the 60-day shot clock for local review begins. The ruling also clarifies how certain aspects of proposed modifications—height increases, equipment cabinet additions, and impact on concealment elements and aesthetic conditions—affect eligibility for streamlined review under section 6409(a). Additionally, our action clarifies that under the Commission’s rules on environmental and historic preservation review, FCC applicants do not need to submit environmental assessments based only on potential impacts to historic properties when the parties have entered into a memorandum of agreement to mitigate effects on those properties.

The Commission also adopted a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that seeks comment on proposed rule changes regarding excavation or deployment outside the boundaries of an existing

tower site and the effects of such activities on eligibility for streamlined review under section 6409(a).

Again, I appreciate your support of the Commission's work in this area and your leadership on this matter. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

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