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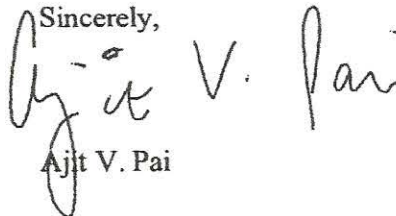
The Honorable Anna G. Eshoo
U.S. House of Representatives
202 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Eshoo:

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The Honorable Peter Welch
U.S. House of Representatives
2303 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers
U.S. House of Representatives
1314 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Congresswoman McMorris Rodgers:

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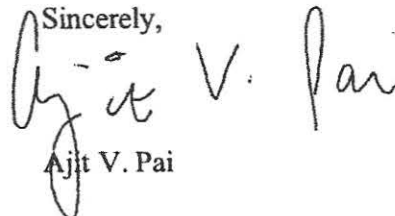
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U.S. House of Representatives
2442 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman DelBene:

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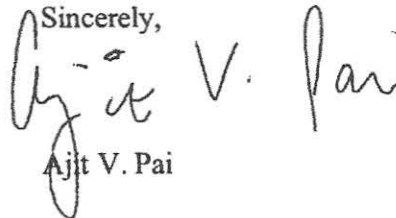
The Honorable Morgan Griffith
U.S. House of Representatives
2202 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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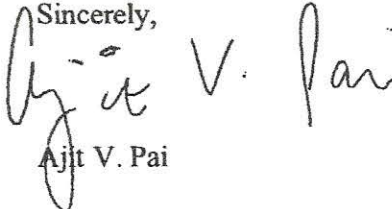
The Honorable Tom O'Halleran
U.S. House of Representatives
126 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman O'Halleran:

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U.S. House of Representatives
2055 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Tim Ryan
U.S. House of Representatives
1126 Longworth House Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives
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2419 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Doris Matsui
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The Honorable Jaime Herrera Beutler
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1107 Longworth House Office Building
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