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September 3, 2020

The Honorable Jim Langevin
U.S. House of Representatives
2077 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

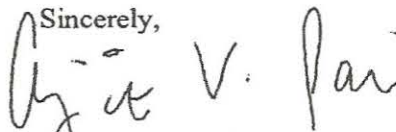
Dear Congressman Langevin:

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Sincerely,

Ajit V. Pai



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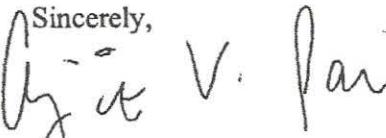
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The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse
United States Senate
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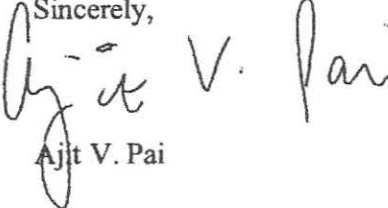
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Ajit V. Pai