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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON

August 30, 2017

The Honorable Tammy Baldwin  
United States Senate  
717 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Baldwin:

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The Honorable Richard Blumenthal  
United States Senate  
706 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Blumenthal:

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United States Senate  
359 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
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The Honorable Sherrod Brown  
United States Senate  
713 Hart Senate Office Building  
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The Honorable Catherine Cortez Masto  
United States Senate  
B40A Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Tammy Duckworth  
United States Senate  
G12 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
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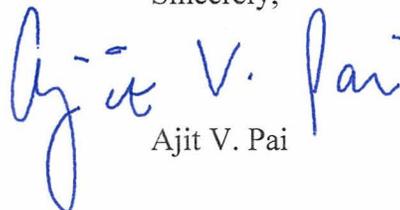
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The Honorable Al Franken  
United States Senate  
309 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

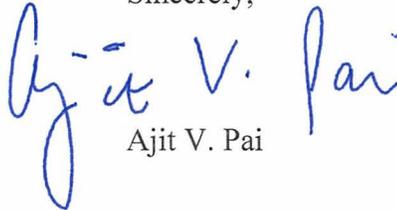
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The Honorable Kirsten Gillibrand  
United States Senate  
478 Russell Senate Office Building  
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The Honorable Kamala D. Harris  
United States Senate  
B40B Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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August 30, 2017

The Honorable Maggie Hassan  
United States Senate  
B85 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

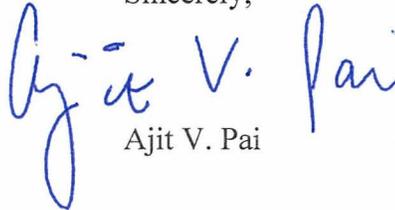
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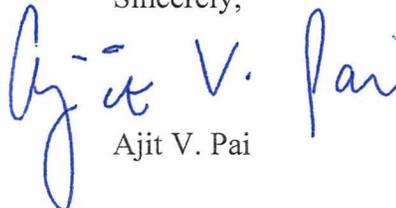
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The Honorable Amy Klobuchar  
United States Senate  
302 Hart Senate Office Building  
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The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy  
United States Senate  
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The Honorable Jeff Merkley  
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The Honorable Brian Schatz  
United States Senate  
722 Hart Senate Office Building  
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The Honorable Tom Udall  
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The Honorable Elizabeth Warren  
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August 30, 2017

The Honorable Ron Wyden  
United States Senate  
221 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
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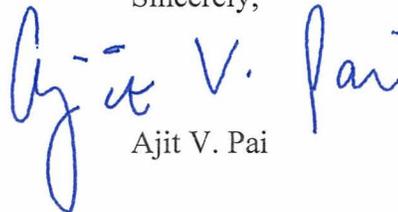
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