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March 20, 2018

The Honorable Tom Cotton
United States Senate
124 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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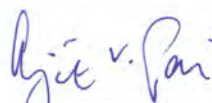
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The Honorable Frank A. LoBiondo
U.S. House of Representatives
2427 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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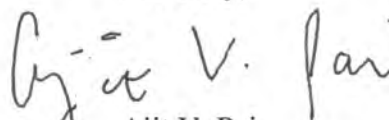
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The Honorable Angus King
United States Senate
133 Hart Senate Office Building
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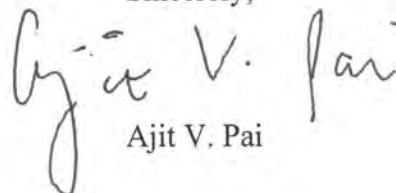
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The Honorable Brad Wenstrup
U.S. House of Representatives
2419 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable John Cornyn
United States Senate
517 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Susan Collins
United States Senate
413 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Roy Blunt
United States Senate
260 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Jim Risch
United States Senate
483 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Elise Stefanik
U.S. House of Representatives
318 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Ileana Ros-Lehtinen
U.S. House of Representatives
2206 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Ros-Lehtinen:

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The Honorable Michael Conaway
U.S. House of Representatives
2430 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Michael R. Turner
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The Honorable Chris Stewart
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The Honorable Richard M. Burr
United States Senate
217 Russell Senate Office Building
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March 20, 2018

The Honorable James Lankford
United States Senate
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Washington, D.C. 20510

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