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October 15, 2019

The Honorable Amy Klobuchar  
United States Senate  
425 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

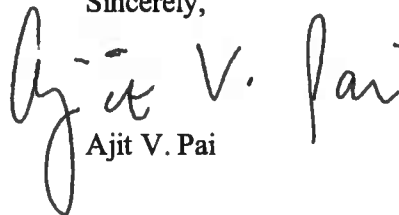
Dear Senator Klobuchar:

Thank you for your letter regarding the proposal to establish a cap on the Universal Service Fund.

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Sincerely,

  
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The Honorable Bernard Sanders  
United States Senate  
332 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Sanders:

Thank you for your letter regarding the proposal to establish a cap on the Universal Service Fund.

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The Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin  
United States Senate  
509 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Cardin:

Thank you for your letter regarding the proposal to establish a cap on the Universal Service Fund.

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The Honorable Bob Casey  
United States Senate  
393 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

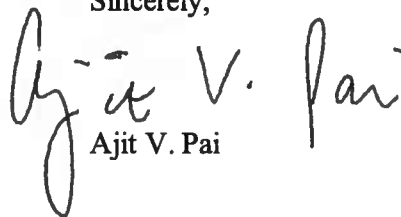
Dear Senator Casey:

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The Honorable Catherine Cortez Masto  
United States Senate  
516 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Cortez Masto:

Thank you for your letter regarding the proposal to establish a cap on the Universal Service Fund.

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The Honorable Charles E. Schumer  
United States Senate  
322 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

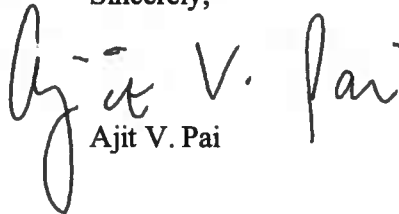
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The Honorable Chris Van Hollen  
United States Senate  
110 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

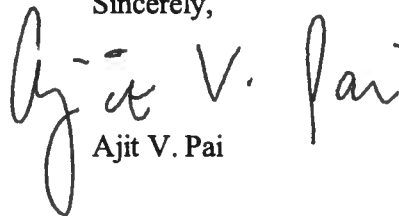
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The Honorable Cory Booker  
United States Senate  
717 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Booker:

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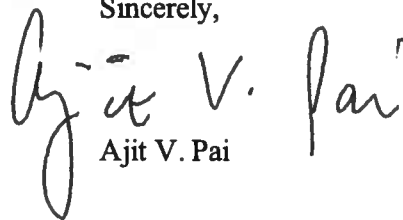
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The Honorable Edward J. Markey  
United States Senate  
255 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
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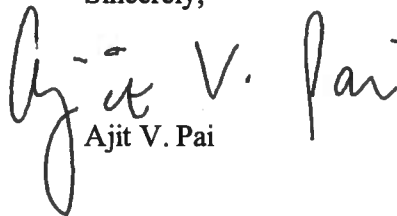
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The Honorable Elizabeth Warren  
United States Senate  
317 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Warren:

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The Honorable Jack Reed  
United States Senate  
728 Hart Senate Office Building  
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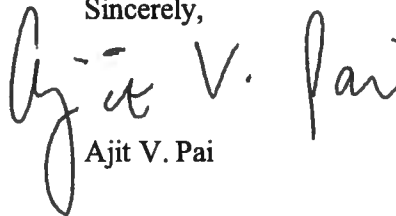
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The Honorable Jacky Rosen  
United States Senate  
G12 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Rosen:

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The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen  
United States Senate  
506 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Shaheen:

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The Honorable Kamala D. Harris  
United States Senate  
112 Hart Senate Office Building  
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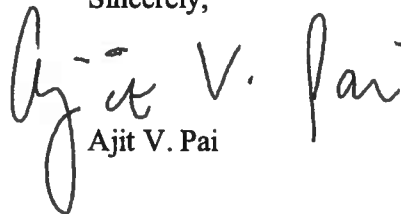
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The Honorable Kirsten Gillibrand  
United States Senate  
478 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Gillibrand:

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The Honorable Kyrsten Sinema  
United States Senate  
317 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Maggie Hassan  
United States Senate  
330 Hart Senate Office Building  
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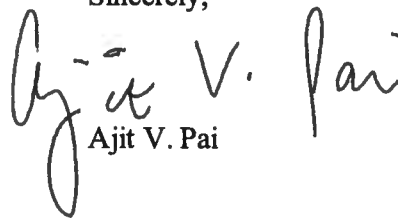
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The Honorable Martin Heinrich  
United States Senate  
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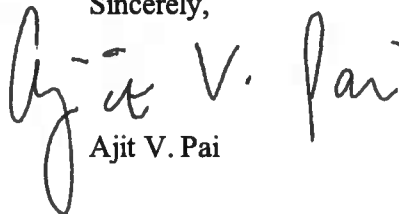
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The Honorable Michael Bennet  
United States Senate  
261 Russell Senate Office Building  
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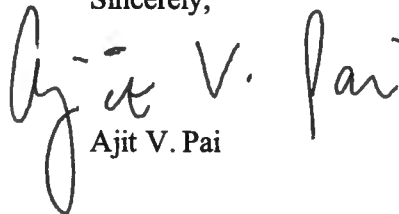
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The Honorable Patty Murray  
United States Senate  
154 Russell Senate Office Building  
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The Honorable Richard Blumenthal  
United States Senate  
706 Hart Senate Office Building  
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Dear Senator Blumenthal:

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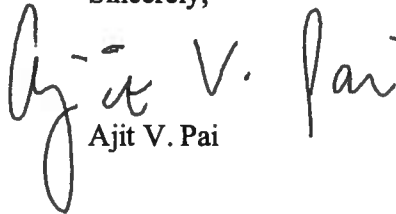
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The Honorable Ron Wyden  
United States Senate  
221 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
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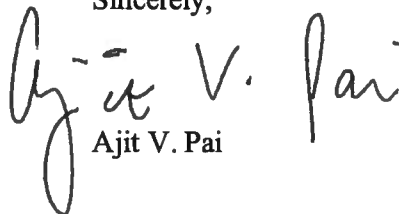
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Sincerely,

  
Ajit V. Pai



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October 15, 2019

The Honorable Sherrod Brown  
United States Senate  
713 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

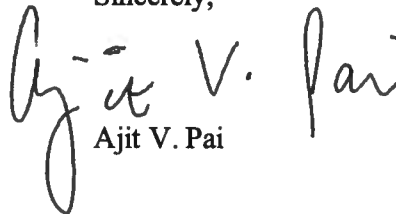
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United States Senate  
709 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

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Ajit V. Pai



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October 15, 2019

The Honorable Tammy Duckworth  
United States Senate  
524 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

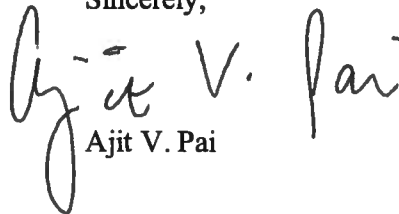
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The Honorable Tina Smith  
United States Senate  
720 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

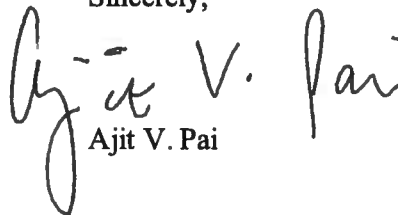
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October 15, 2019

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United States Senate  
531 Hart Senate Office Building  
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