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January 3, 2020

The Honorable Debra Haaland
U.S. House of Representatives
1237 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

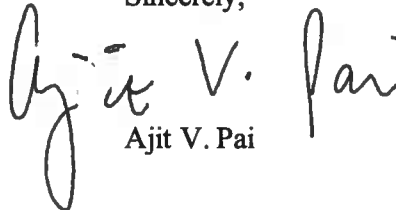
Dear Congresswoman Haaland:

Thank you for your letter regarding the proposal to establish a cap on the Universal Service Fund (USF) and ways it could enable the Commission to evaluate the financial aspects of the four USF programs in a more holistic way.

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The Honorable Ed Case
U.S. House of Representatives
2443 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Case:

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The Honorable Grace Meng
U.S. House of Representatives
1317 Longworth House Office Building
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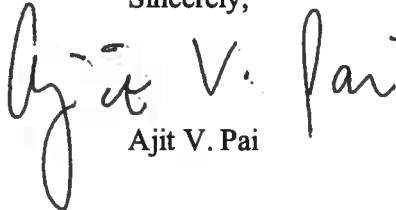
Dear Congresswoman Meng:

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The Honorable Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan
U.S. House of Representatives
2411 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Sablan:

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The Honorable Jan Schakowsky
U.S. House of Representatives
2367 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Schakowsky:

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The Honorable Katie Porter
U.S. House of Representatives
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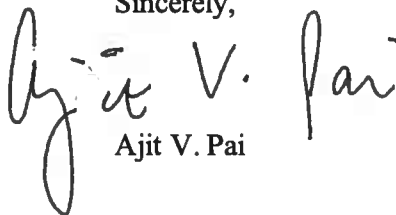
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The Honorable Mark Takano
U.S. House of Representatives
420 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

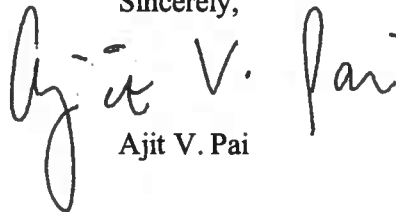
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U.S. House of Representatives
319 Cannon House Office Building
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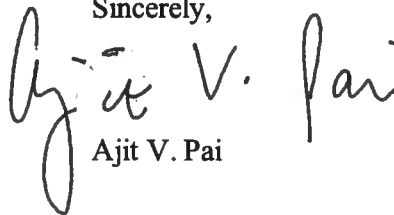
Dear Congresswoman Jayapal:

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The Honorable Ro Khanna
U.S. House of Representatives
221 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Khanna:

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The Honorable Suzan DelBene
U.S. House of Representatives
2442 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Congresswoman DelBene:

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The Honorable Ted Lieu
U.S. House of Representatives
403 Cannon House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Lieu:

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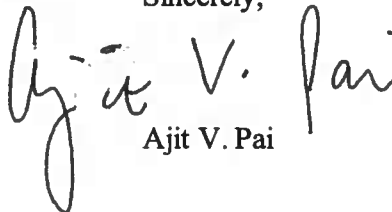
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