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Eagle Scout Ashish Parekh
c/o John W Sadauskas
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Dear Ashish:

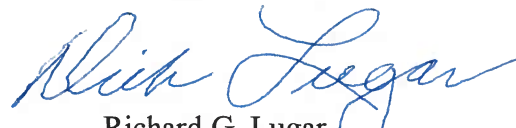
I extend to you my heartiest congratulations on your receiving the Eagle Scout award from the Boy Scouts of America. I regret that I am unable to attend this important event.

The distinction of Eagle Scout is a signal honor, and I am pleased to join your family and friends in commending you on achieving this excellent award. This achievement indicates your deep concern for your community's development and well-being. I am confident that you will continue to exemplify this high level of excellence in all your future endeavors and that you will continue to provide outstanding leadership.

Scouting develops skills that will buttress your educational and employment choices throughout your life. I encourage you to make the most of these opportunities and to continue to enjoy the friendships and challenges that you have encountered in the Boy Scouts.

As an Eagle Scout myself, I hope that you will continue to benefit from all that the scouting program has to offer.

Sincerely,



Richard G. Lugar
United States Senator

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