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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON

July 29, 2010

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Chairman
Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
184 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Durbin:

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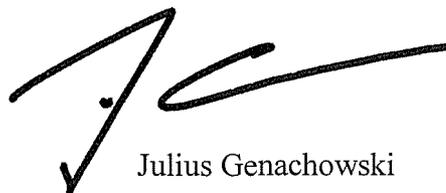
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The Honorable Susan M. Collins
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government
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United States Senate
142 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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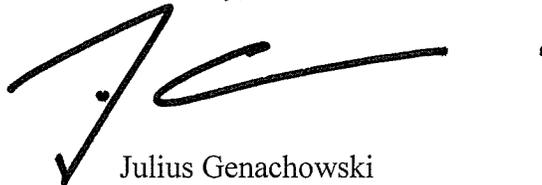
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Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
1016 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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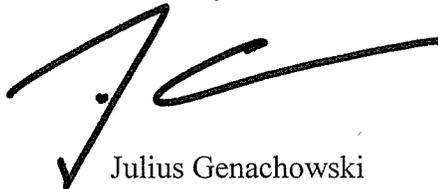
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Chairman
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Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
B300 Rayburn House Office Building
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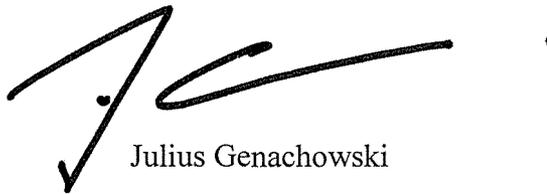
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