



FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

March 8, 2013

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The Honorable Sanford D. Bishop, Jr.
U.S. House of Representatives
2429 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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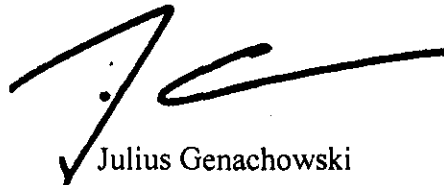
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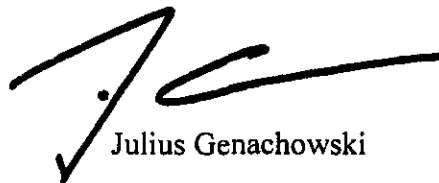
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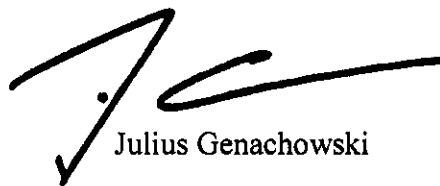
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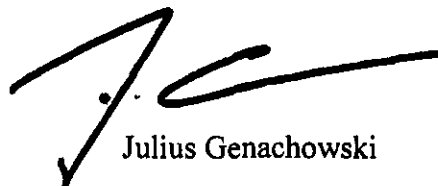
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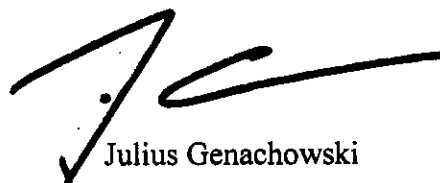
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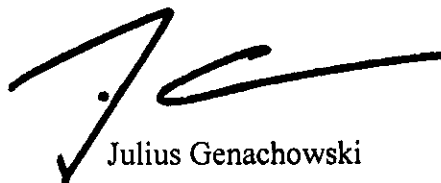
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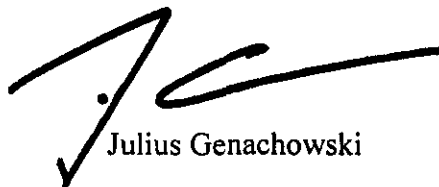
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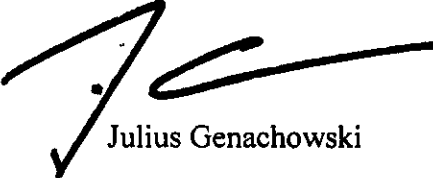
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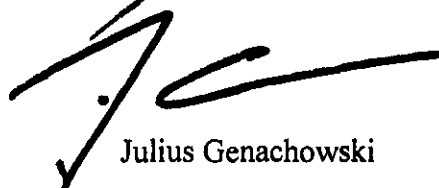
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U.S. House of Representatives
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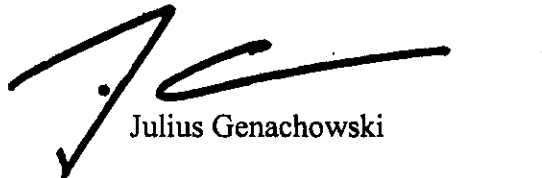
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The Honorable Danny K. Davis
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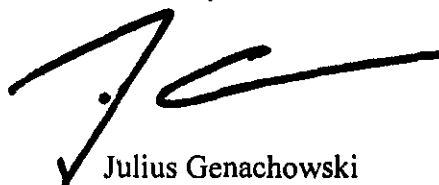
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U.S. House of Representatives
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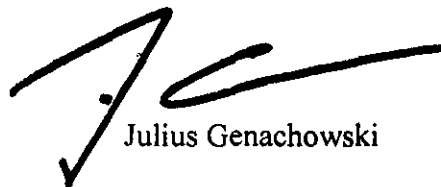
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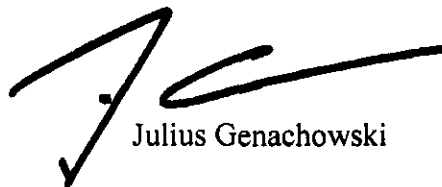
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U.S. House of Representatives
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U.S. House of Representatives
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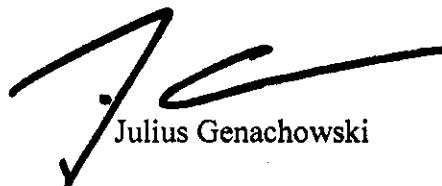
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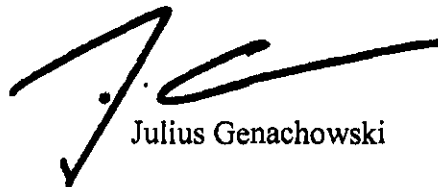
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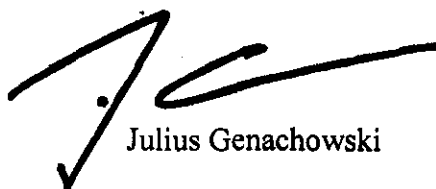
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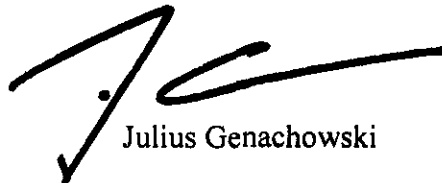
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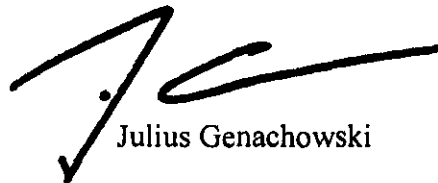
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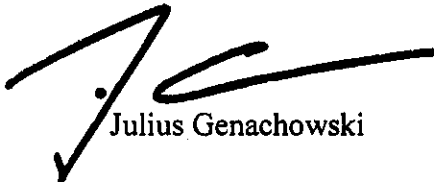
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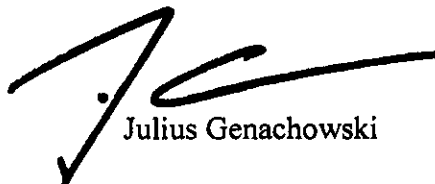
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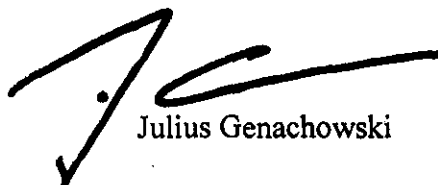
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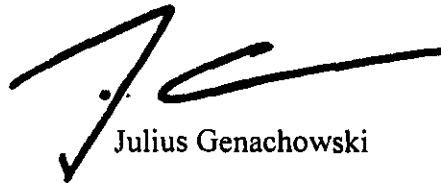
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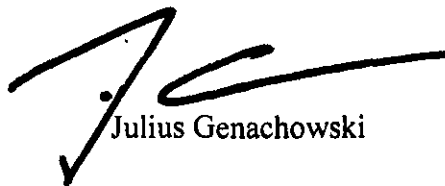
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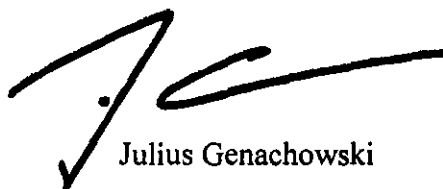
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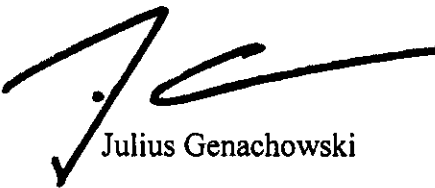
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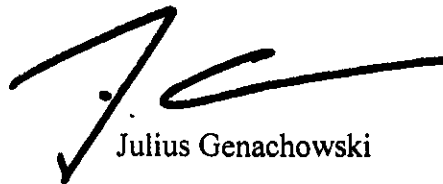
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