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June 24, 2014

The Honorable John Thune
Ranking Member
Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation
United States Senate
560 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Thune:

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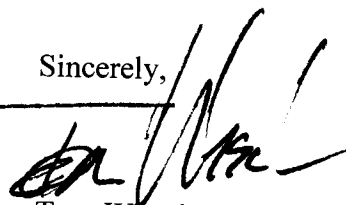
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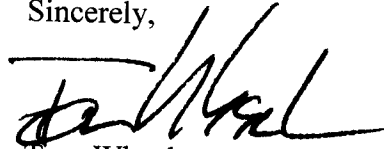
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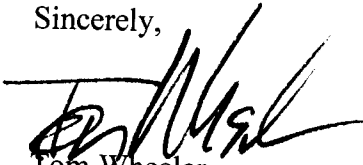
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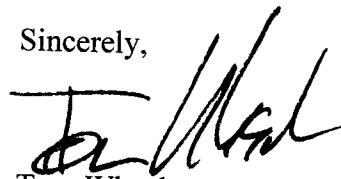
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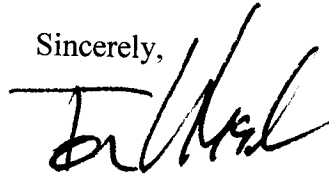
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The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen
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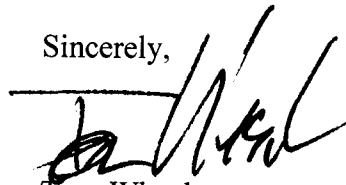
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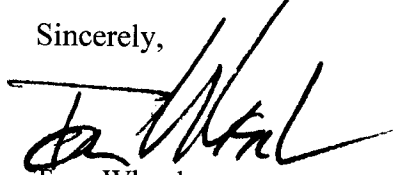
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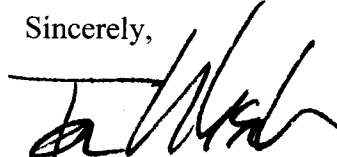
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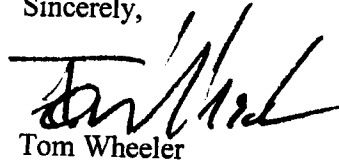
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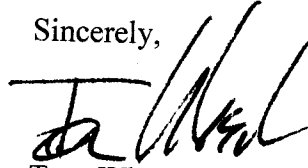
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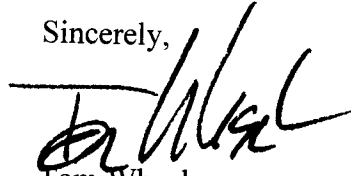
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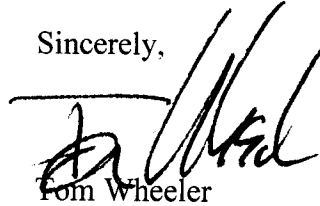
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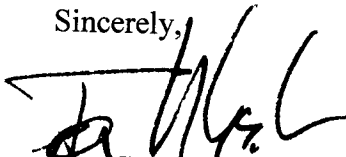
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June 24, 2014

The Honorable Daniel Coats
United States Senate
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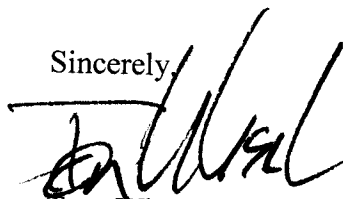
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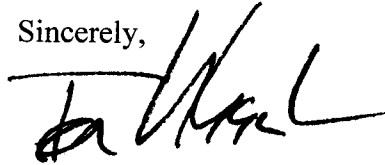
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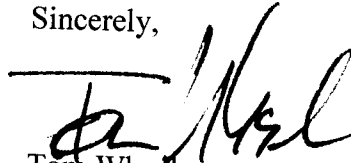
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The Honorable Angus King, Jr.
United States Senate
359 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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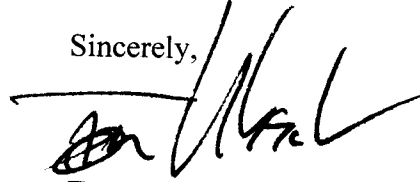
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The Honorable Amy Klobuchar
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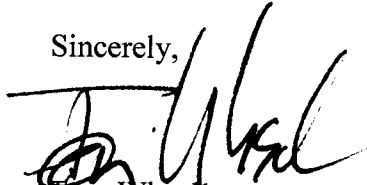
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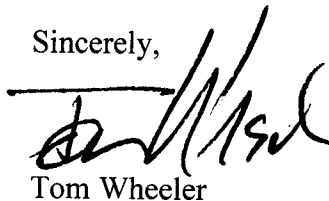
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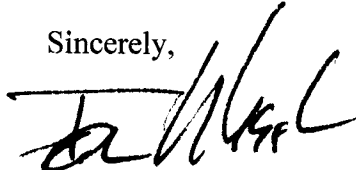
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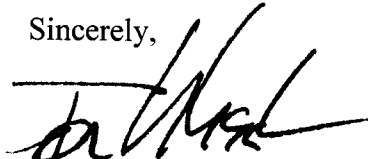
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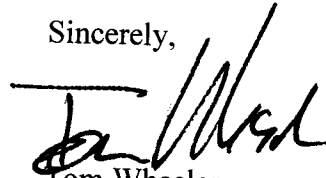
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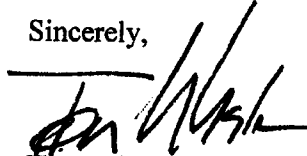
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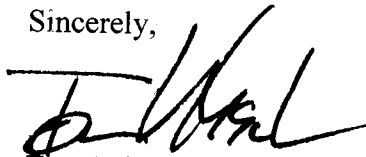
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United States Senate
260 Russell Senate Office Building
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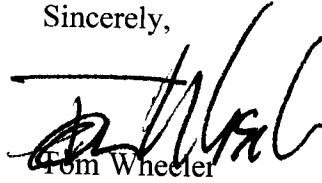
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June 24, 2014

The Honorable Ron Wyden
United States Senate
221 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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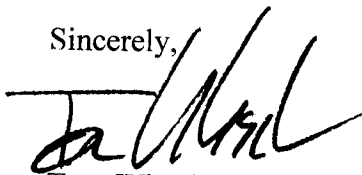
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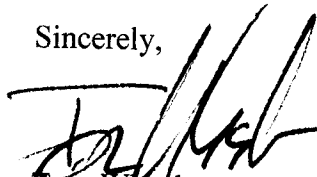
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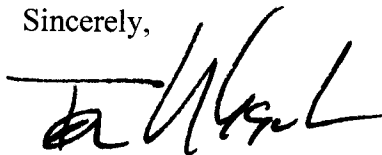
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The Honorable Richard Burr
United States Senate
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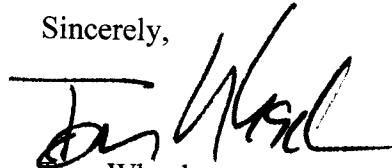
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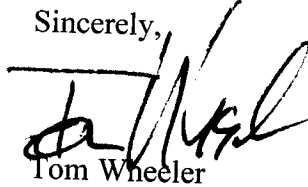
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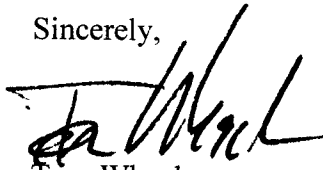
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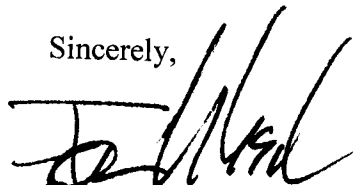
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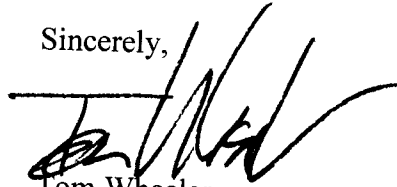
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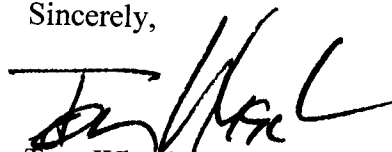
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United States Senate
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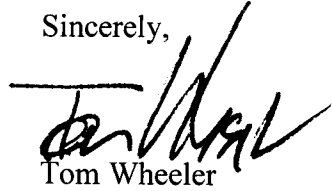
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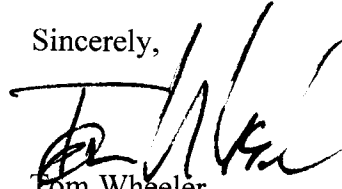
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June 24, 2014

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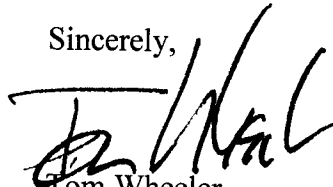
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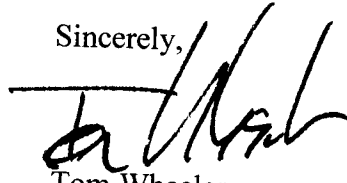
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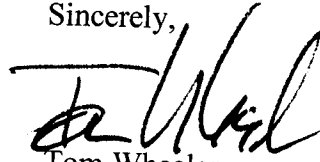
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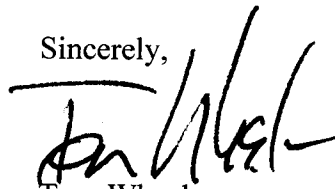
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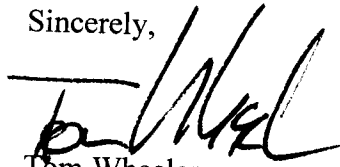
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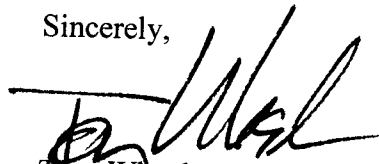
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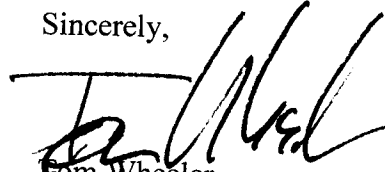
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