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March 26, 2015

The Honorable Don Beyer  
U.S. House of Representatives  
431 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Beyer:

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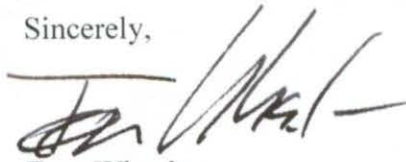
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2453 Rayburn House Office Building  
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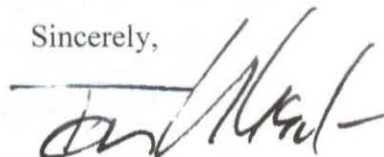
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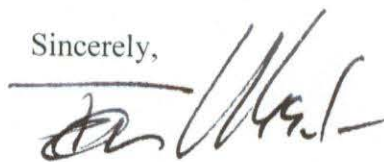
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404 Cannon House Office Building  
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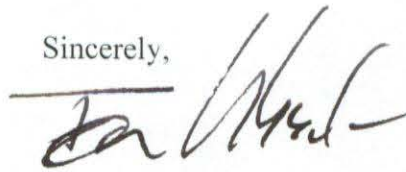
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The Honorable Sheila Jackson Lee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2160 Rayburn House Office Building  
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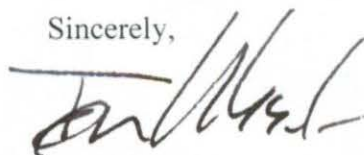
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U.S. House of Representatives  
2186 Rayburn House Office Building  
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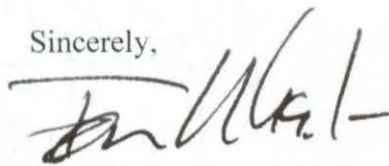
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The Honorable Jim McDermott  
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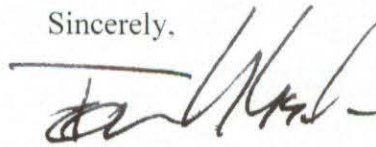
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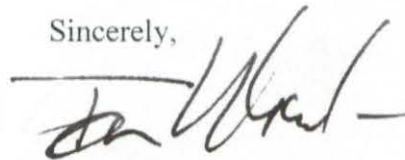
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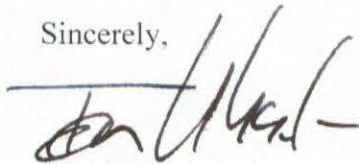
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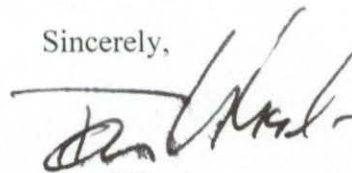
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March 26, 2015

The Honorable Beto O'Rourke  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1721 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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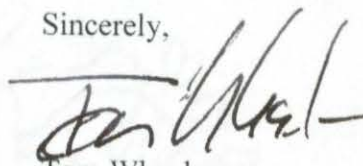
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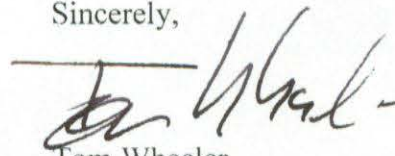
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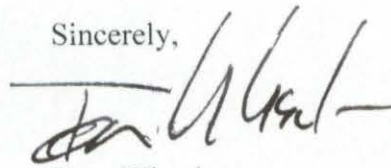
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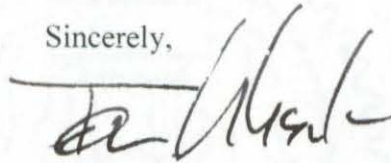
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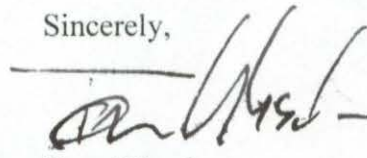
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