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November 10, 2015

The Honorable Joe L. Barton
2107 Rayburn House Office Building
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Barton:

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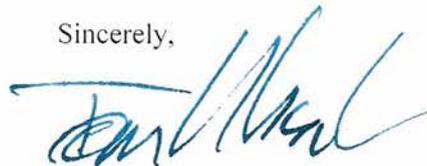
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217 Cannon House Office Building
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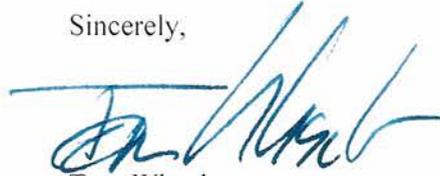
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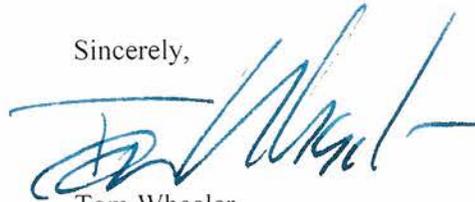
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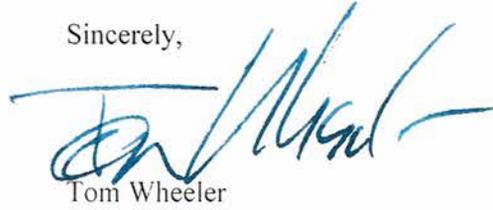
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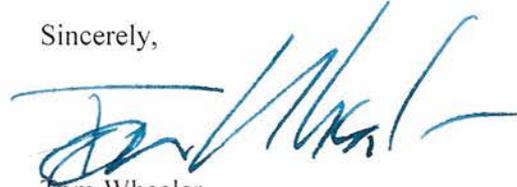
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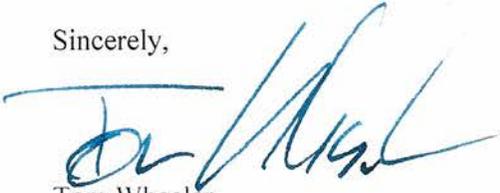
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The Honorable Bob Latta
2448 Rayburn House Office Building
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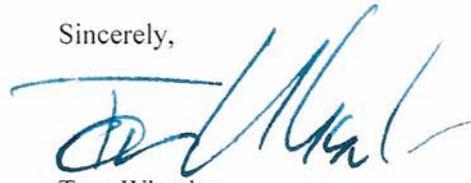
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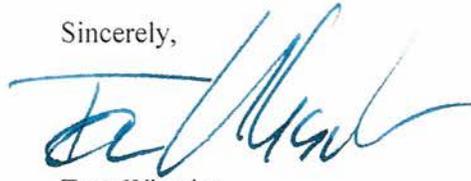
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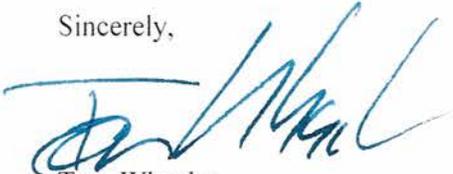
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Sincerely,



Tom Wheeler



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WASHINGTON

November 10, 2015

The Honorable Mike Pompeo
107 Cannon House Office Building
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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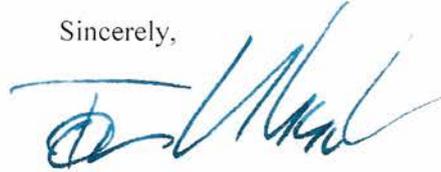
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