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September 14, 2016

The Honorable Mark S. Kirk
United States Senate
524 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Kirk:

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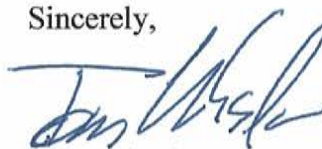
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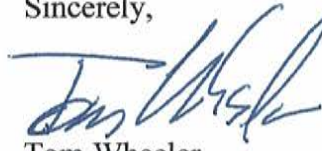
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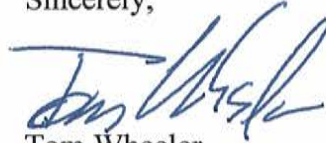
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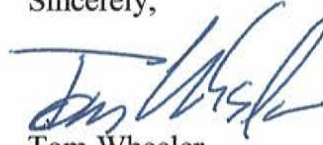
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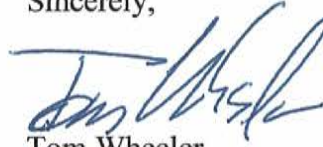
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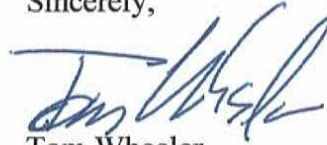
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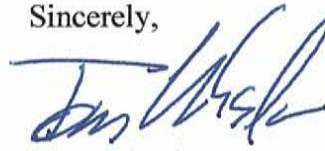
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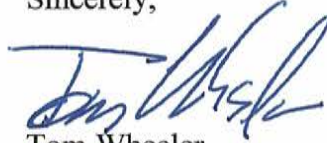
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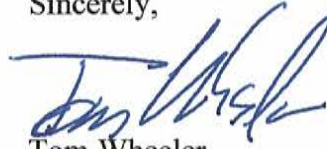
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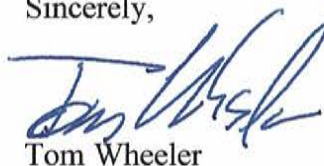
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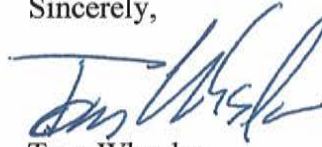
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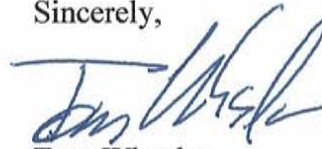
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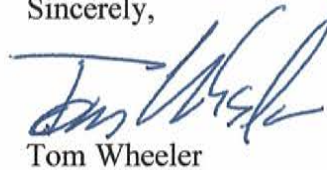
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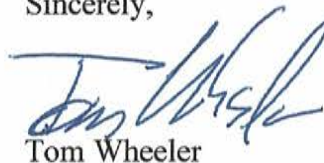
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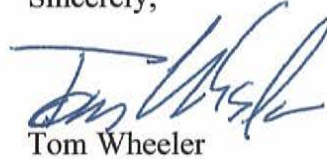
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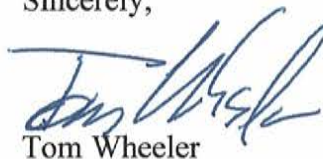
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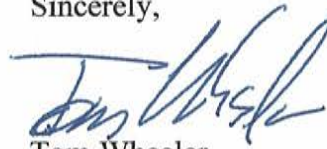
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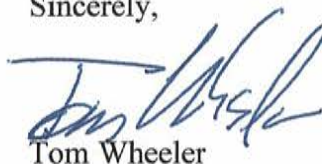
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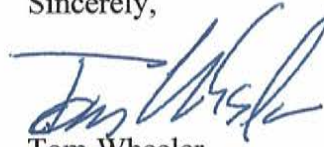
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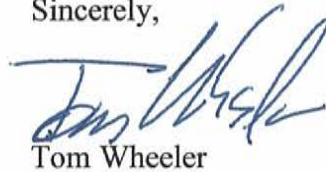
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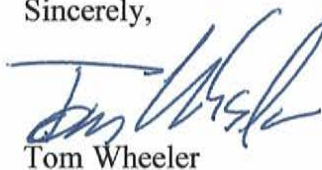
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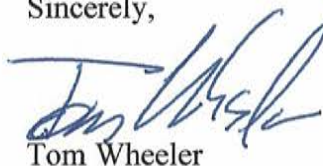
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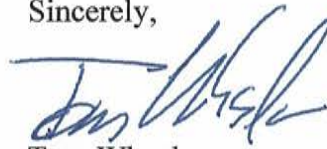
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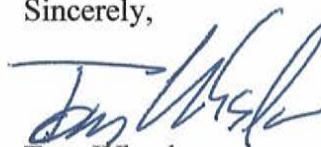
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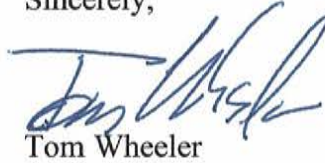
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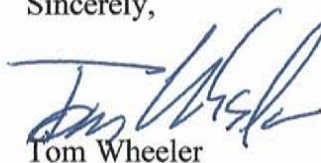
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