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November 17, 2016

The Honorable Alma Adams
U.S. House of Representatives
222 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Adams:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Commission's business data services rulemaking proceeding.

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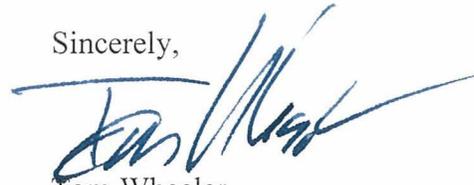
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The Honorable Joyce Beatty
U.S. House of Representatives
133 Cannon House Office Building
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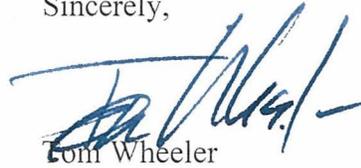
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The Honorable Sanford D. Bishop
U.S. House of Representatives
2407 Rayburn House Office Building
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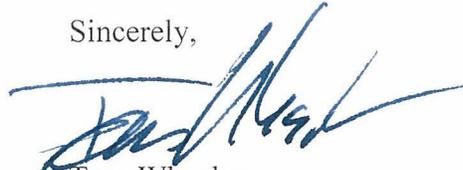
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U.S. House of Representatives
2305 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Yvette D. Clarke
U.S. House of Representatives
2351 Rayburn House Office Building
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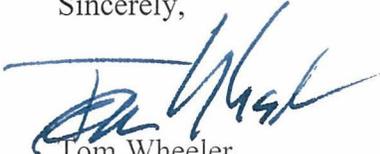
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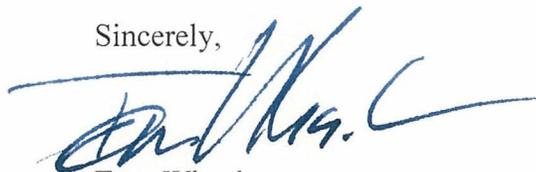
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The Honorable Alcee L. Hastings
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Congressman Hastings:

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The Honorable Eddie Bernice Johnson
U.S. House of Representatives
2468 Rayburn House Office Building
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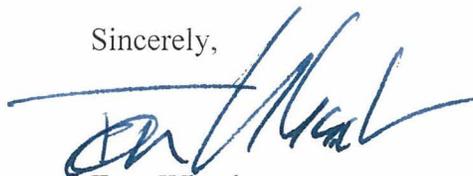
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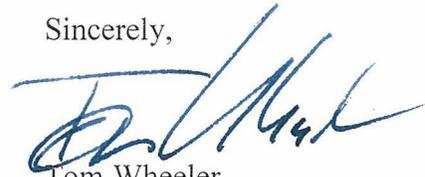
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2245 Rayburn House Office Building
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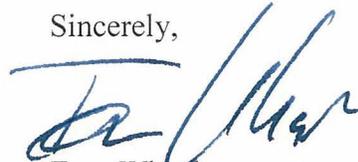
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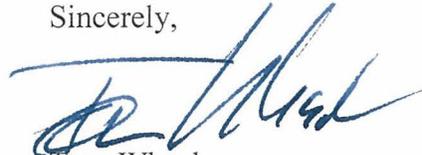
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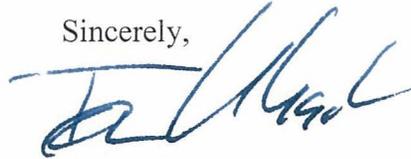
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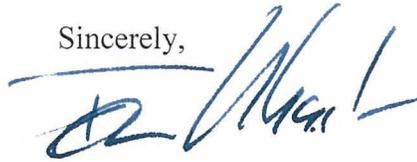
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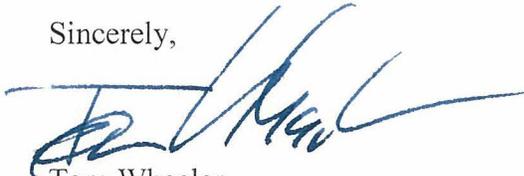
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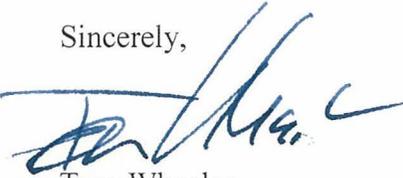
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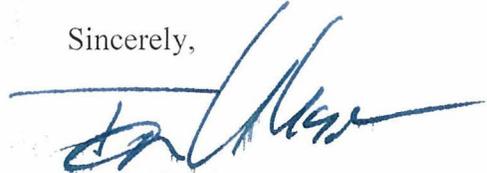
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