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November 19, 2014

The Honorable Michael Honda
U.S. House of Representatives
1713 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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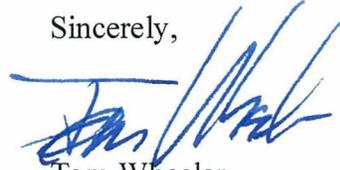
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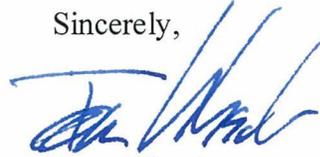
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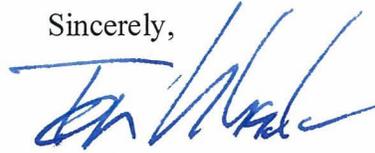
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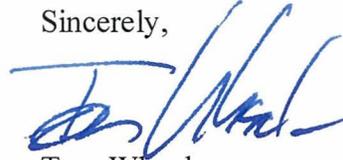
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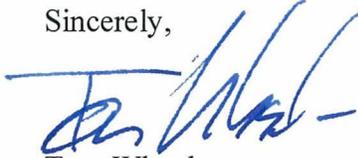
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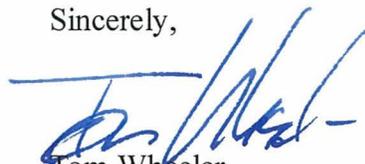
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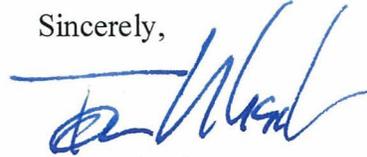
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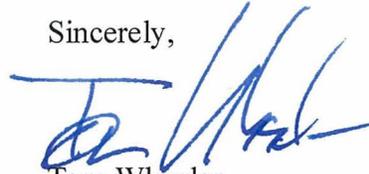
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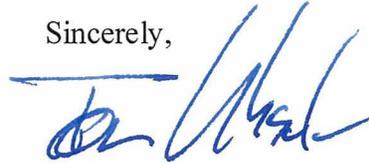
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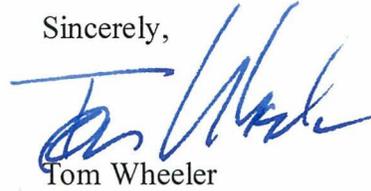
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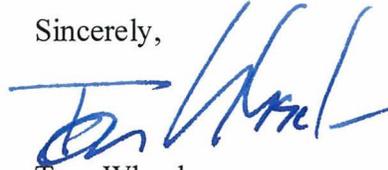
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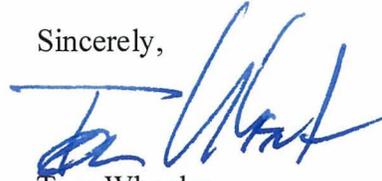
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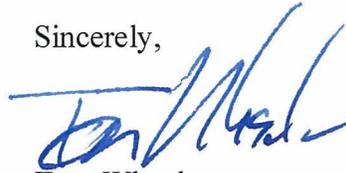
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November 19, 2014

The Honorable Charles Rangel
U.S. House of Representatives
2354 Rayburn House Office Building
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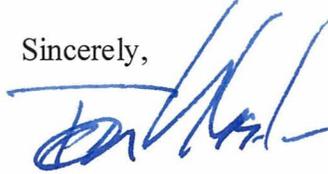
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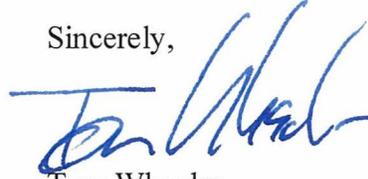
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November 19, 2014

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U.S. House of Representatives
2469 Rayburn House Office Building
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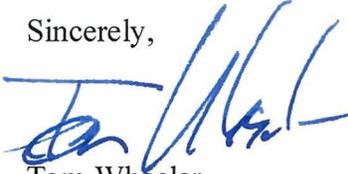
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U.S. House of Representatives
211 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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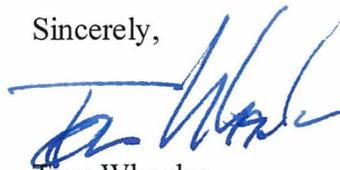
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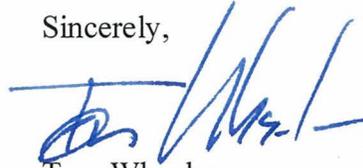
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