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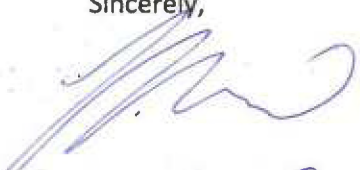
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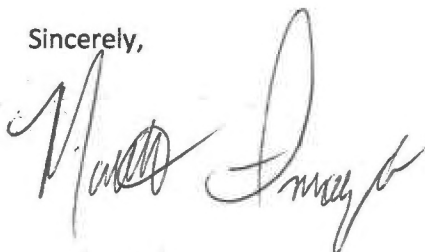
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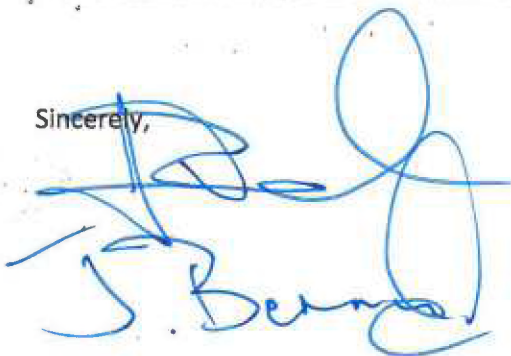
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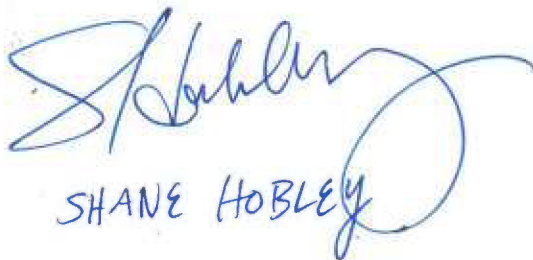
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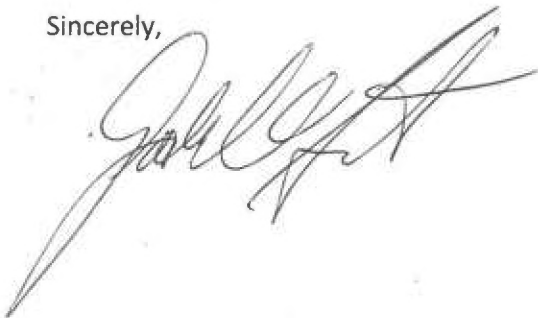
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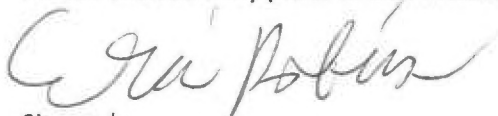
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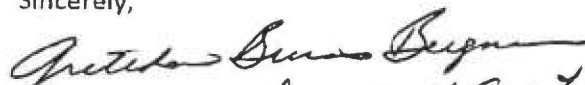
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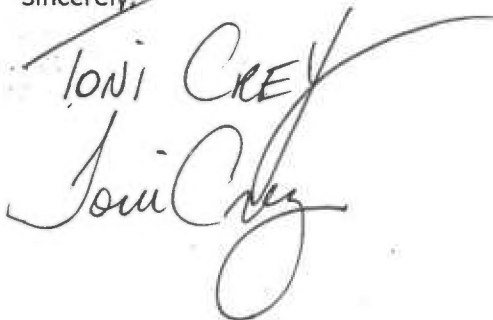
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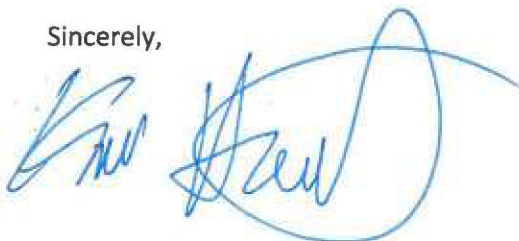
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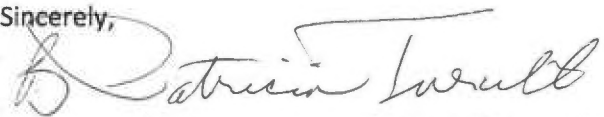
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Christopher Lima (First+Last Name)

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02/12/12 (Date)

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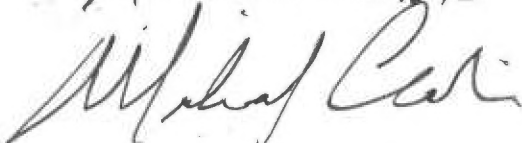
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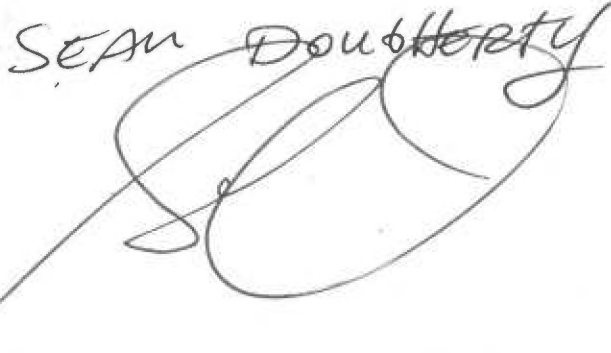
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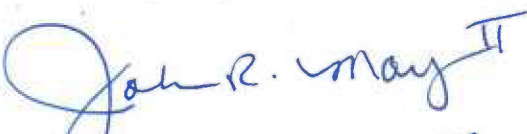
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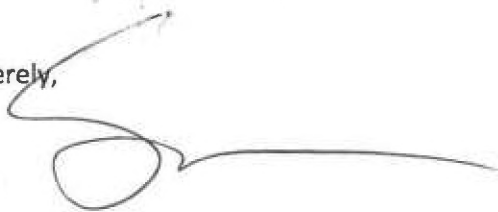
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ROBERT F. ERKINE

JAN. 6, 2012

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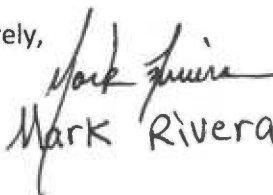
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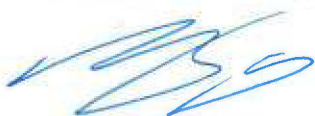
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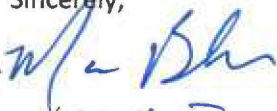
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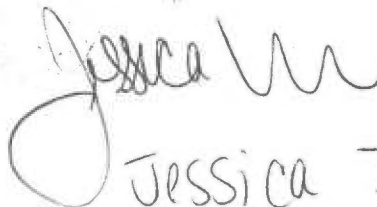
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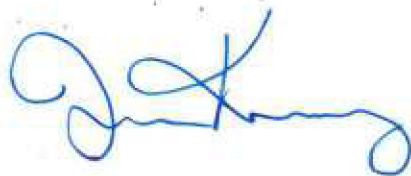
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