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October 14, 2014

The Honorable Donald Payne  
U.S. House of Representatives  
103 Cannon House Office Building  
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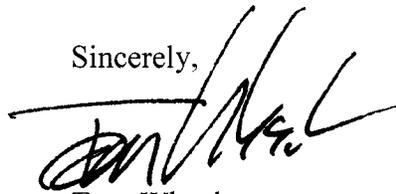
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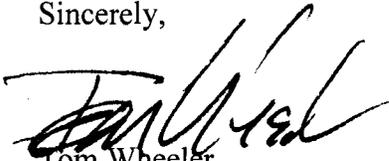
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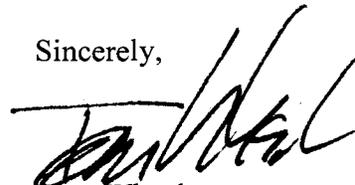
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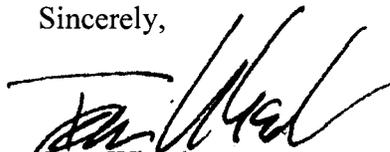
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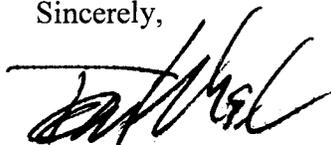
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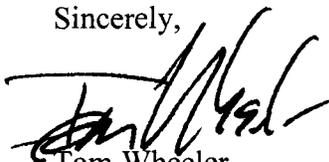
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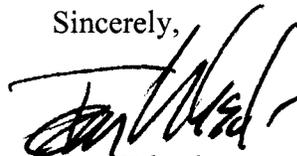
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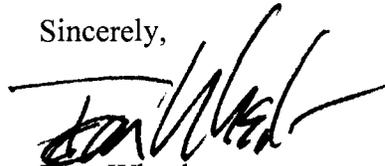
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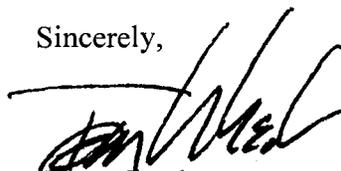
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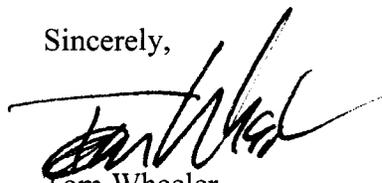
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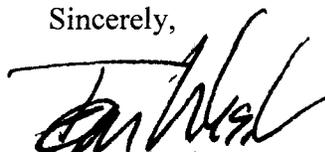
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U.S. House of Representatives  
2419 Rayburn House Office Building  
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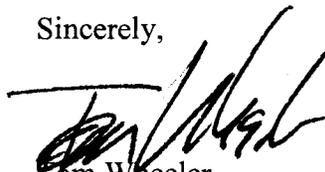
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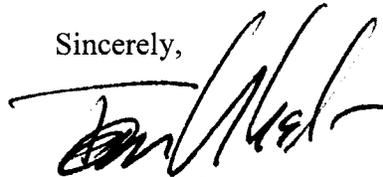
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U.S. House of Representatives  
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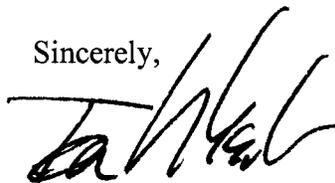
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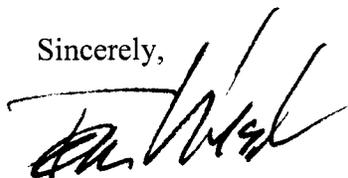
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