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November 24, 2015

The Honorable Richard Blumenthal  
United States Senate  
702 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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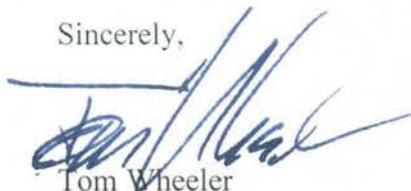
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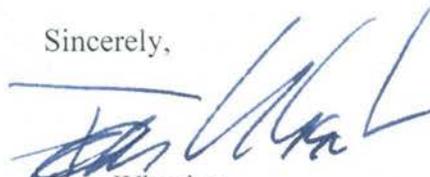
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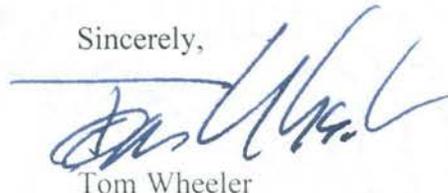
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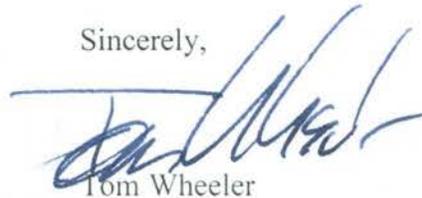
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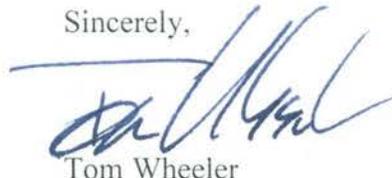
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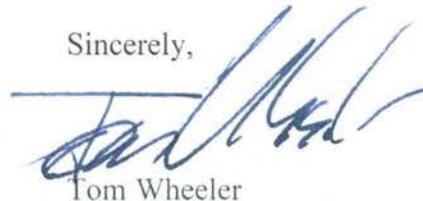
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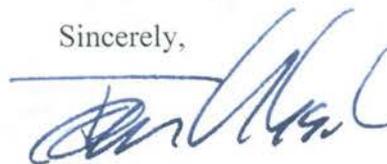
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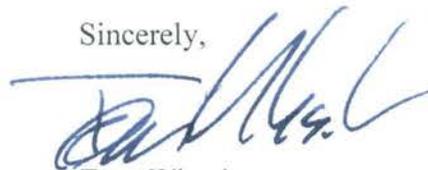
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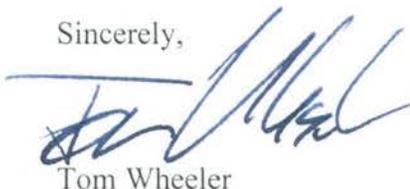
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The Honorable Edward J. Markey  
United States Senate  
218 Russell Senate Office Building  
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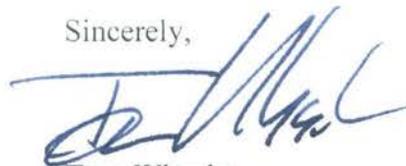
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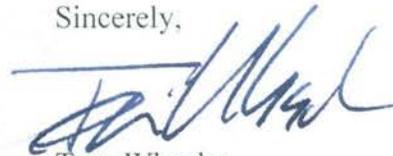
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United States Senate  
2 Russell Courtyard  
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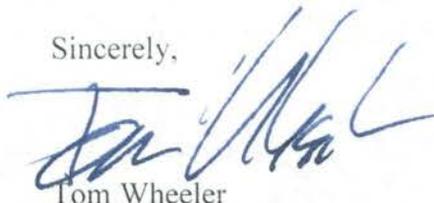
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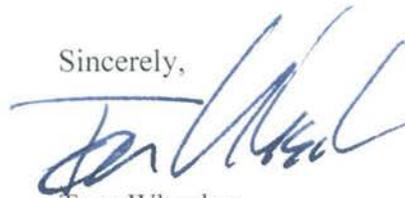
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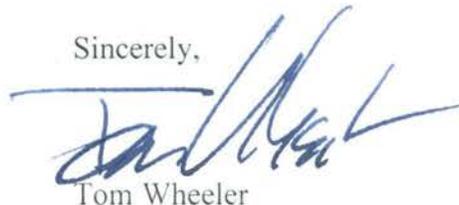
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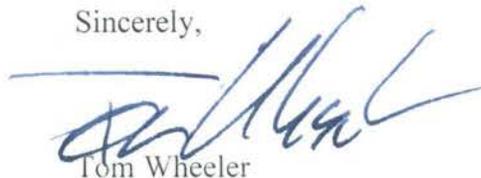
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