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February 19, 2016

The Honorable Trent Kelly  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1427 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Kelly:

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The Honorable Bill Johnson  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1710 Longworth House Office Building  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
1110 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives  
2434 Rayburn House Office Building  
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The Honorable Renee Ellmers  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1210 Longworth House Office Building  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
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Chairman  
Committee on Small Business  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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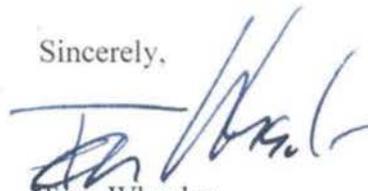
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The Honorable Dave Brat  
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330 Cannon House Office Building  
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2112 Rayburn House Office Building  
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2107 Rayburn House Office Building  
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Dear Congressman Barton:

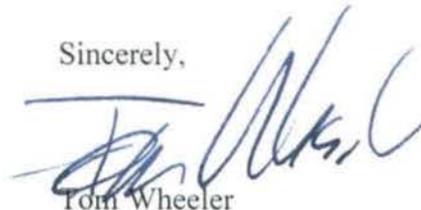
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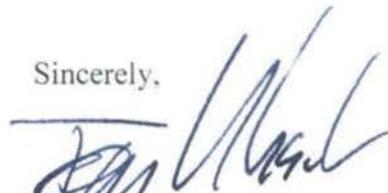
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