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Sincerely,

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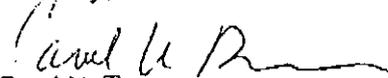
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Chairperson, FCC

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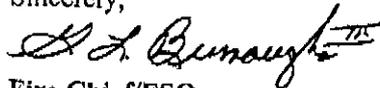
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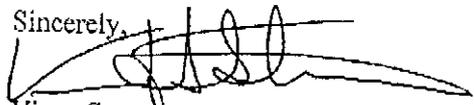
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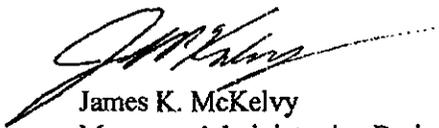
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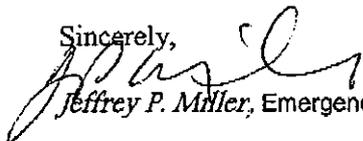
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BRANDYWINE HUNDRED FIRE COMPANY No. 1

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A Volunteer Organization

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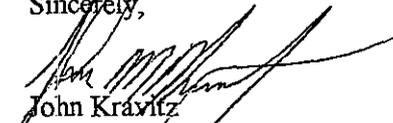
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Robert Vaccaro
Capital Health Systems



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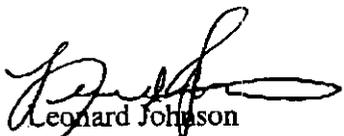
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