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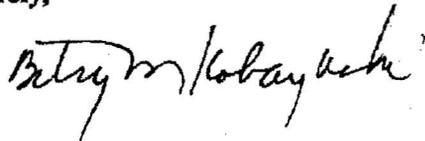
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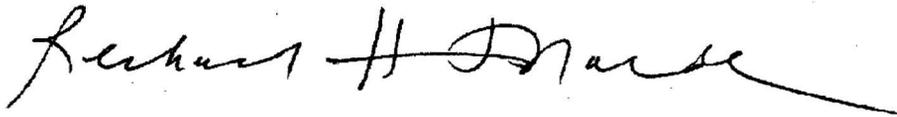
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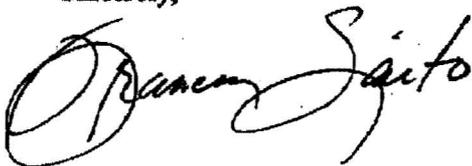
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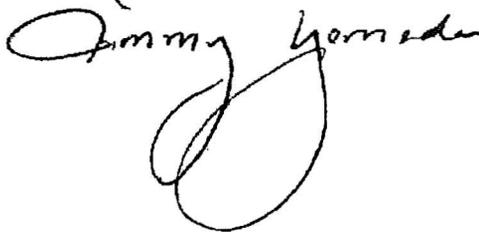
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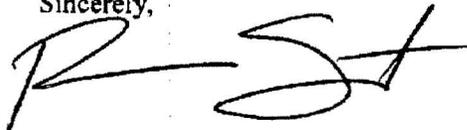
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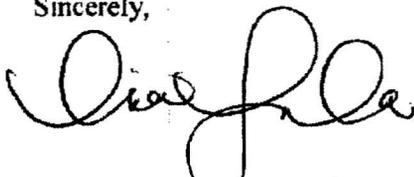
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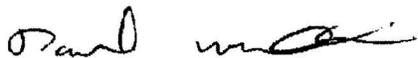
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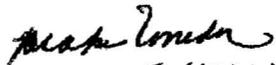
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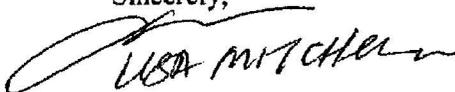
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1377 Uila St
Hon, HI 96818

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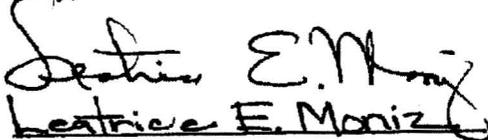
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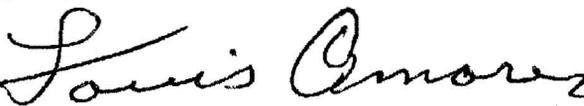
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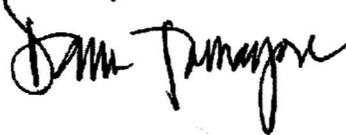
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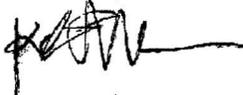
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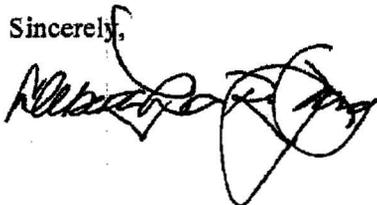
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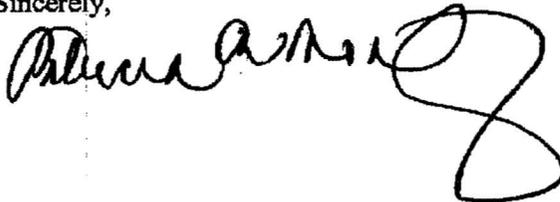
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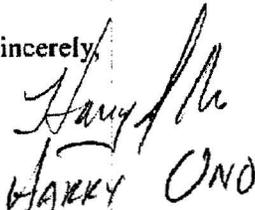
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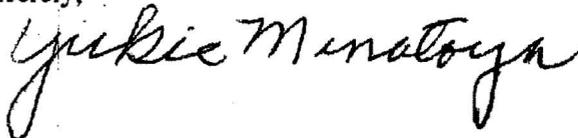
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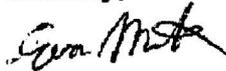
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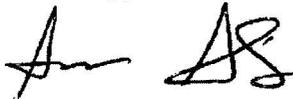
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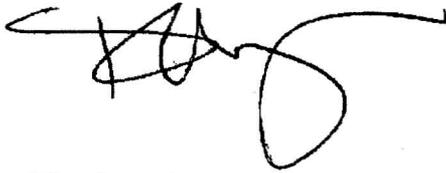
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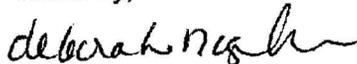
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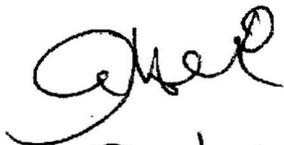
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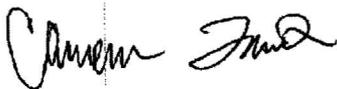
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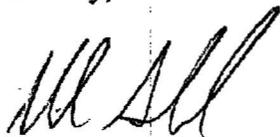
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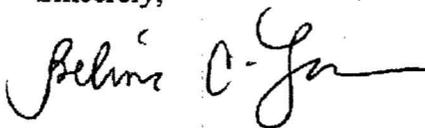
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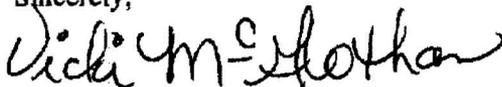
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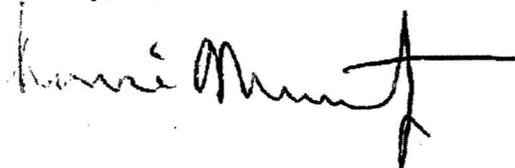
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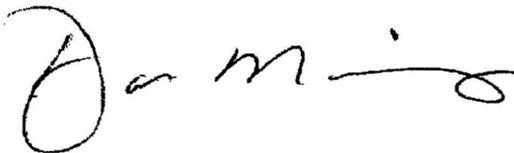
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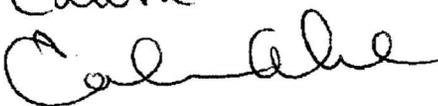
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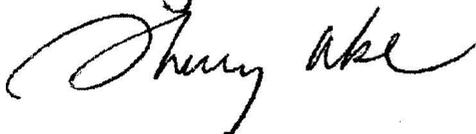
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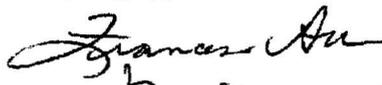
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I fully support this bill SB190 SD1 as we must address our aging community's needs and keep our ohana together.

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Patricia J. Caplene

March 6, 2009

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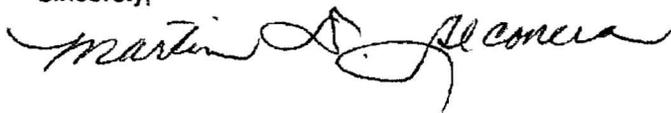
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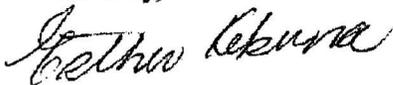
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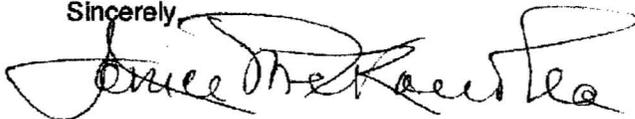
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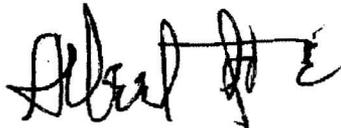
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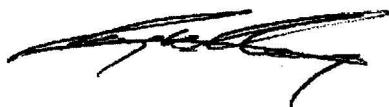
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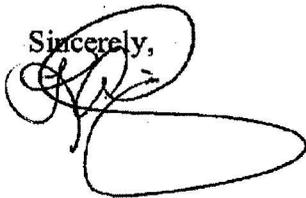
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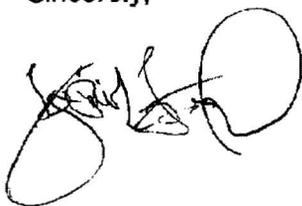
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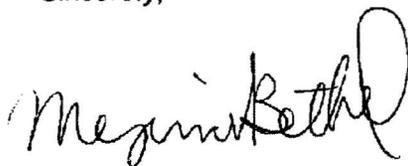
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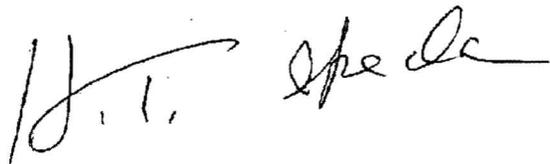
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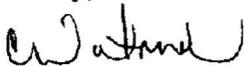
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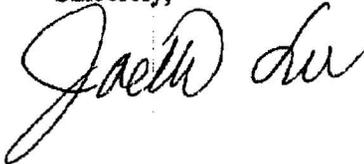
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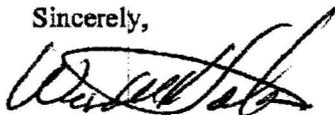
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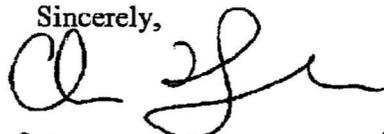
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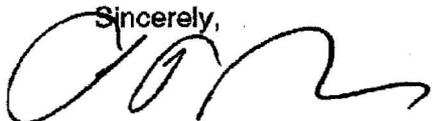
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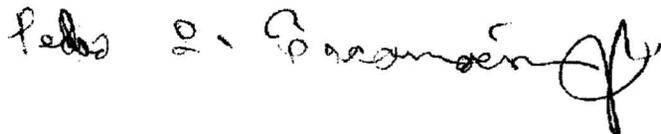
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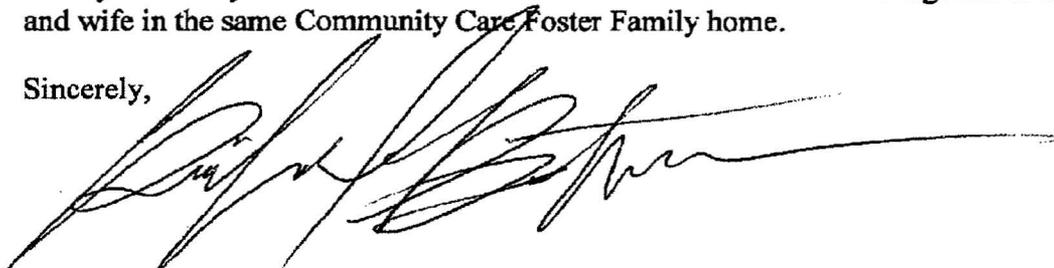
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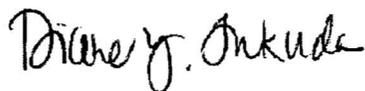
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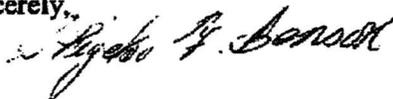
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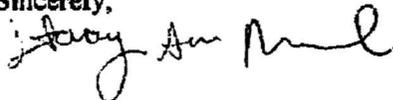
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March 6, 2009

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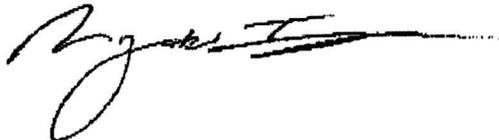
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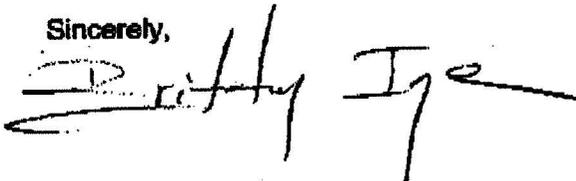
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March 3, 2009

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Theresa Lye

March 1, 2009

Chair John Mizuno
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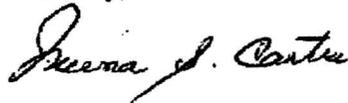
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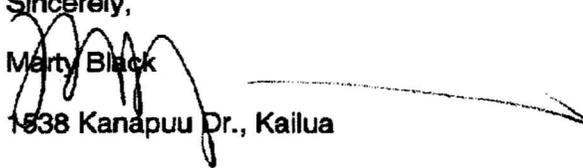
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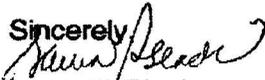
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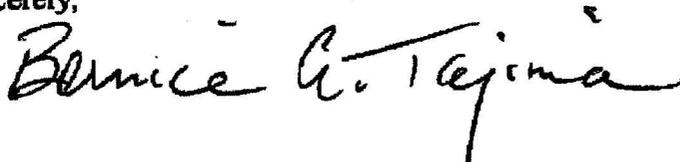
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March 3, 2009

Testimony in Support of SB #190 SD1

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Sincerely,



Shinae K. Miwa
Hilo, Hawaii

March 3, 2009

Testimony in Support of SB #190 SD1

To: John Mizuno, Chair
and Human Services Committee Members,

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My aunt has been trying to live with her husband in the same foster care home for almost 2 years without success, because of the mandated Medicaid-private pay ratio. They have been married for 62 years and are now forced to live separately because of the program's criteria. To be ill and infirm is bad enough, but to be in your 80's and ripped apart because of bureaucracy is wrong. It is immoral to penalize them because they can afford to pay for their care.

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Amy W. Miwa
Hilo, Hawaii

Sakaguchi, Gale

From: Bradley Erickson [bradleyerickson19@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 04, 2009 10:17 AM
To: Sakaguchi, Gale
Subject: SB190 SD1

March 6, 2009

Chair John Mizuno

Department of Human Services Committee

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Bradley A. Erickson

98-835-A Kaonohi Street

Aiea, HI 96701

March 10, 2009

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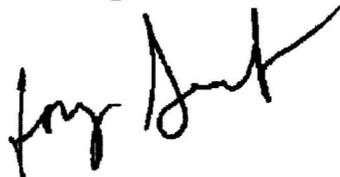
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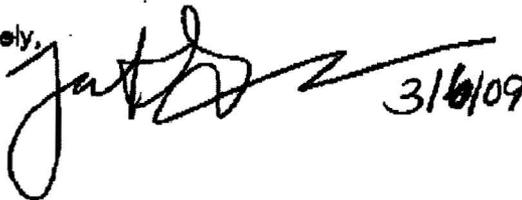
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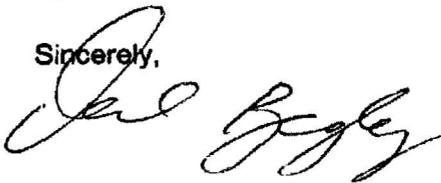
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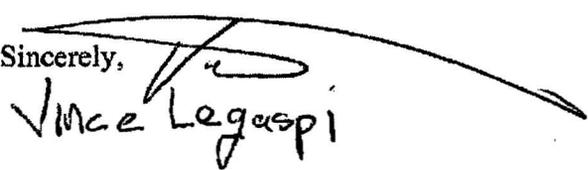
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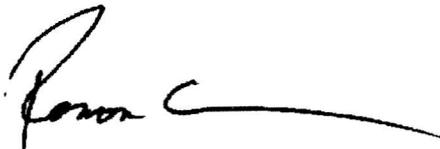
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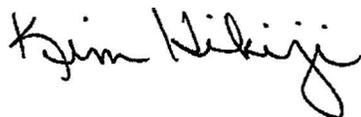
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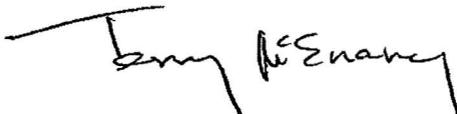
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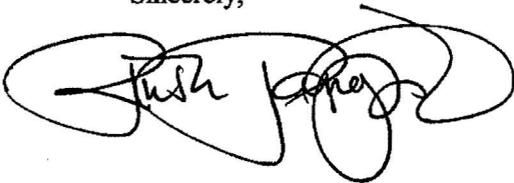
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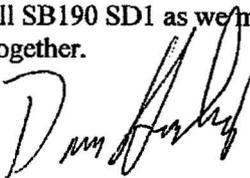
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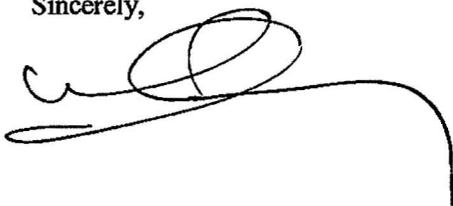
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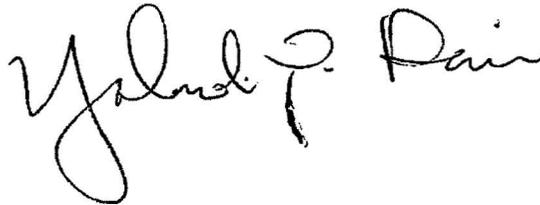
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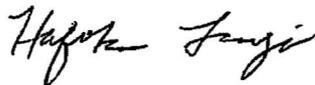
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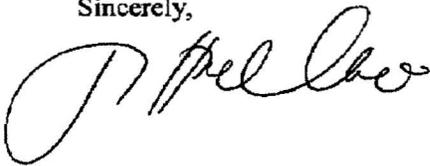
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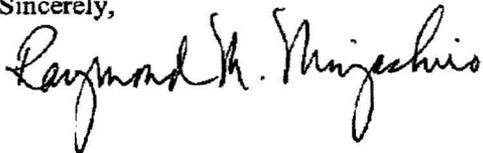
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Meja Kondo

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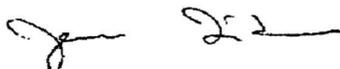
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