

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

November 12, 2025

The Honorable Katie Hobbs
Governor of Arizona
1700 W. Washington St.
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Governor Hobbs:

We write to alert you to the fact that your state is providing Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and other federal agencies with frictionless, self-service access to the personal data of all of your residents. We urge you to block ICE's access, as Illinois, New York, Massachusetts, Minnesota and Washington have already done and Oregon is in the process of doing, and to consider going further by blocking access to other federal agencies that are now acting as Trump's shock troops. This commonsense step will improve public safety and guard against Trump officials using your state's data for unjustified, politicized actions, while still allowing continued collaboration on serious crimes.

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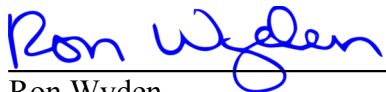
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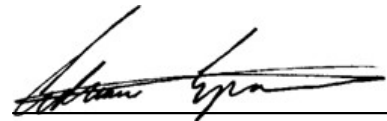
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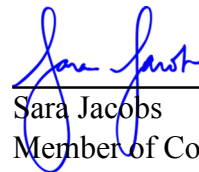
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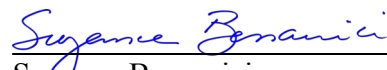
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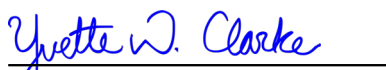
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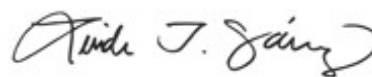
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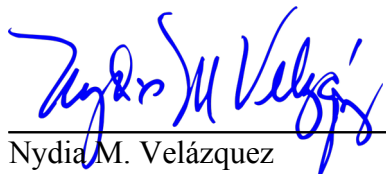
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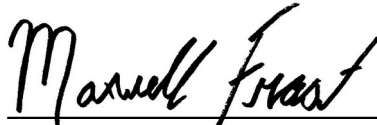
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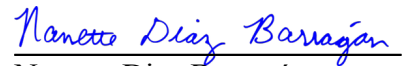
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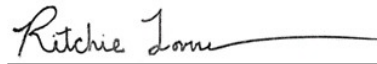
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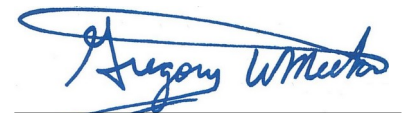
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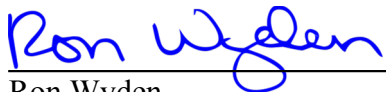
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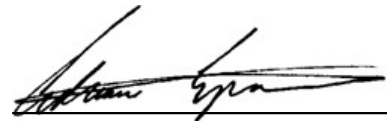
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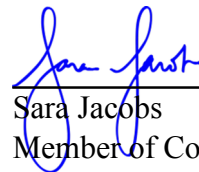
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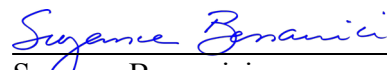
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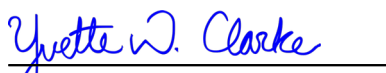
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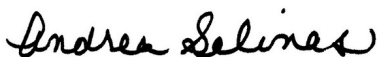
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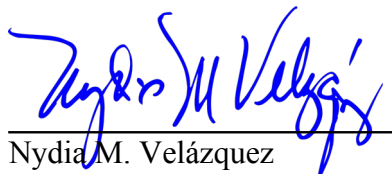
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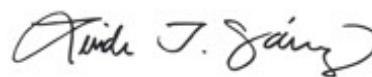
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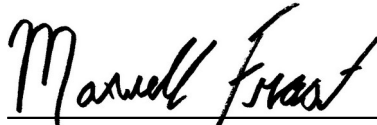
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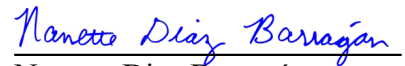
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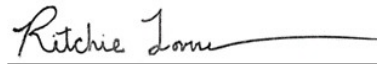
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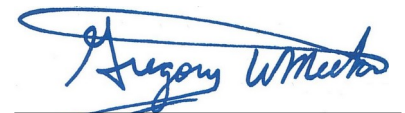
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The Honorable Rob Bonta, Attorney General of California

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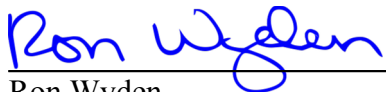
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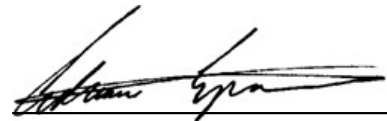
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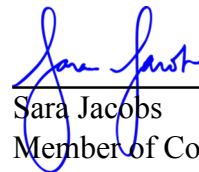
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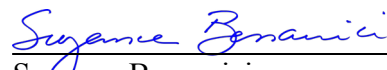
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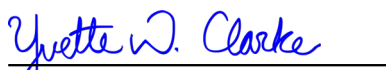
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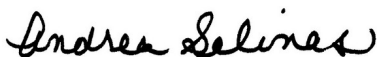
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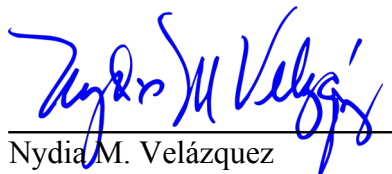
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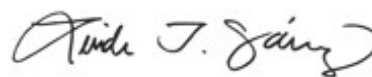
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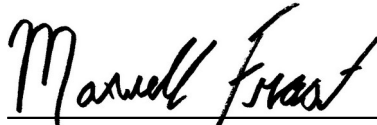
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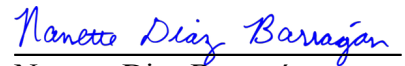
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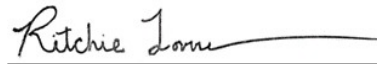
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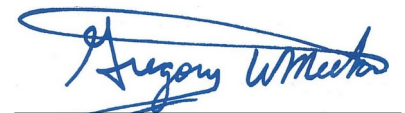
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November 12, 2025

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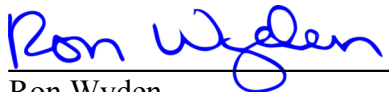
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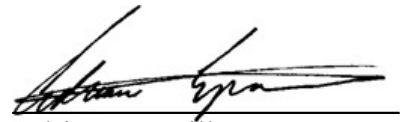
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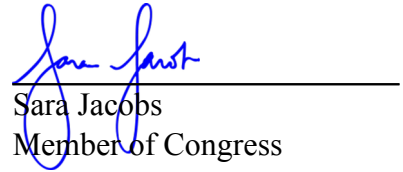
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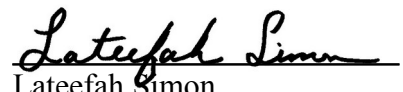
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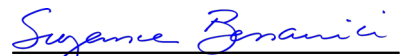
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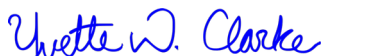
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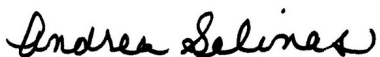
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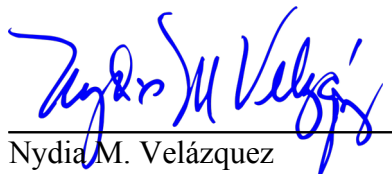
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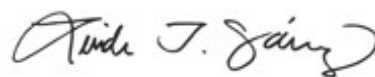
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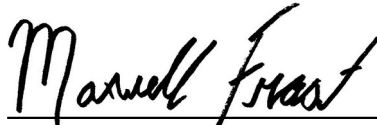
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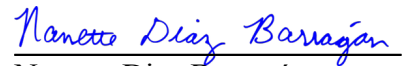
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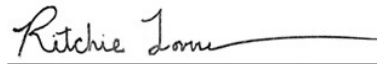
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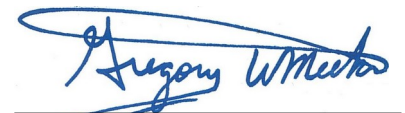
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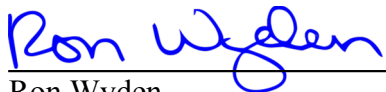
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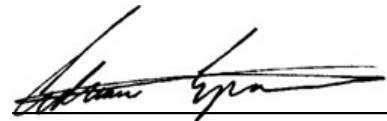
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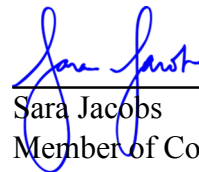
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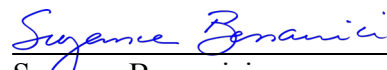
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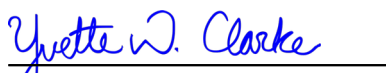
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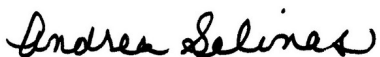
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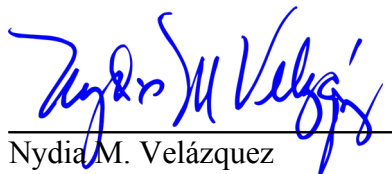
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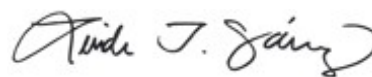
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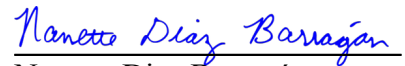
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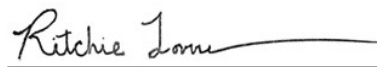
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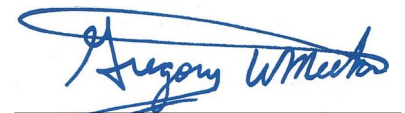
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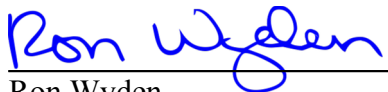
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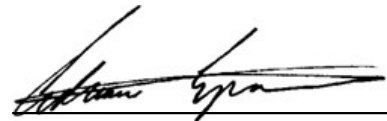
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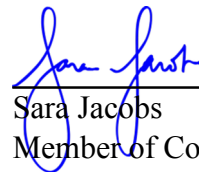
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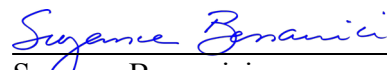
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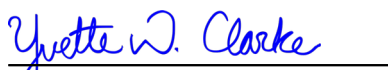
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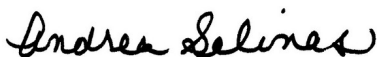
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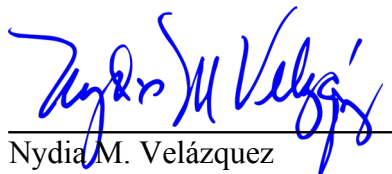
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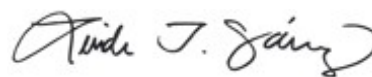
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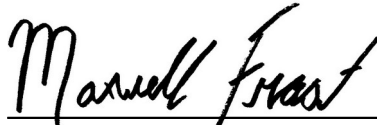
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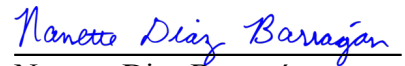
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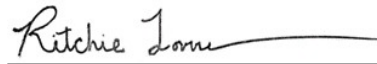
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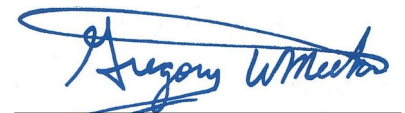
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November 12, 2025

The Honorable Laura Kelly
Governor of Kansas
300 SW 10th Ave., Ste. 241S
Topeka, KS 66612-1590

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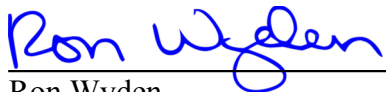
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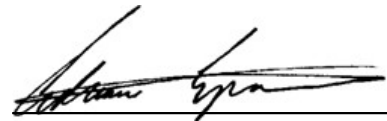
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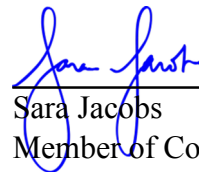
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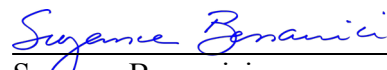
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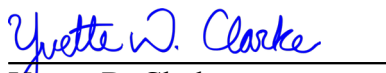
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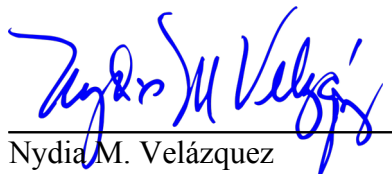
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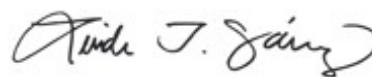
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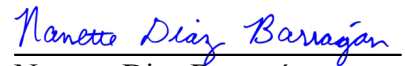
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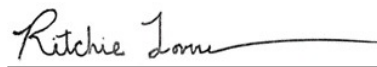
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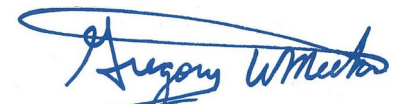
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501 High Street, 2nd Floor
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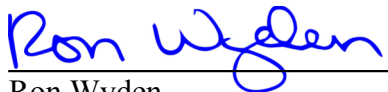
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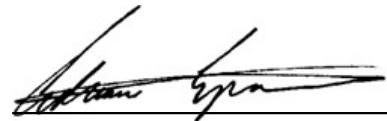
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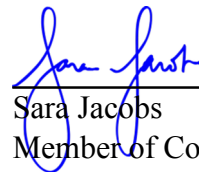
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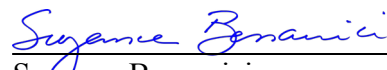
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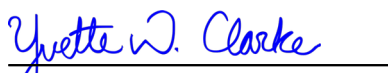
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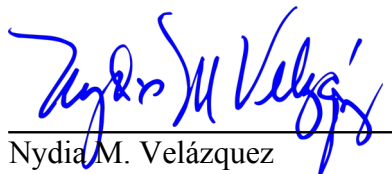
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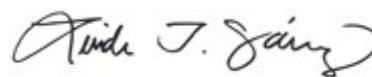
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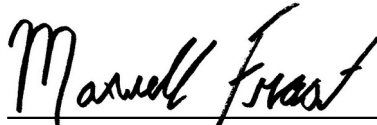
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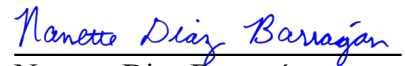
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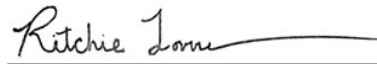
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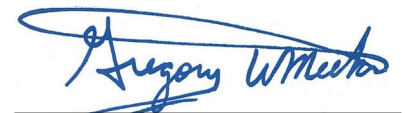
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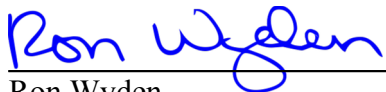
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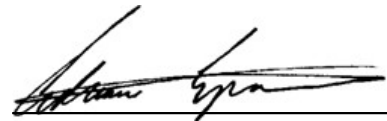
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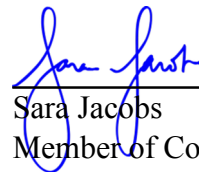
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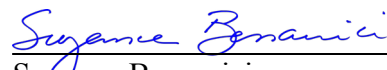
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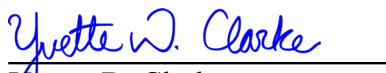
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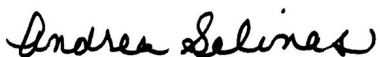
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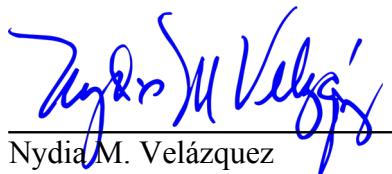
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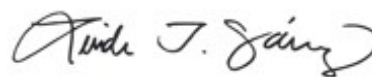
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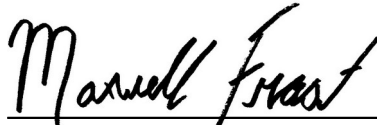
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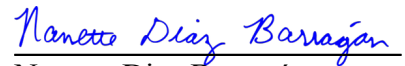
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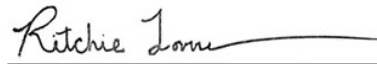
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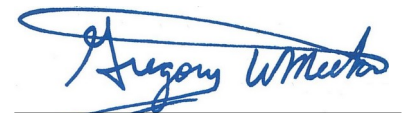
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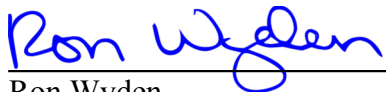
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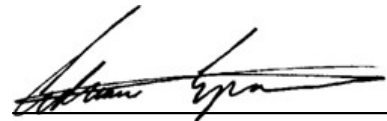
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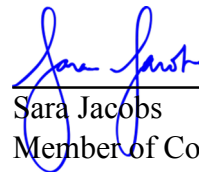
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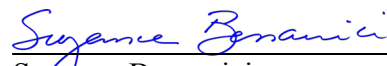
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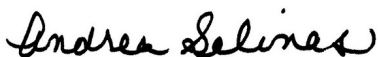
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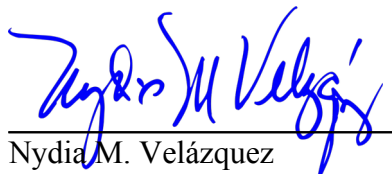
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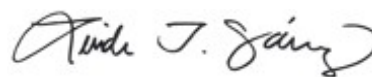
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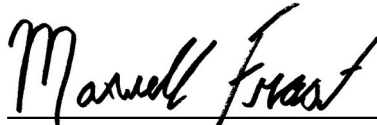
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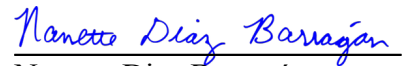
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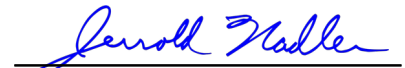
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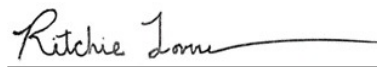
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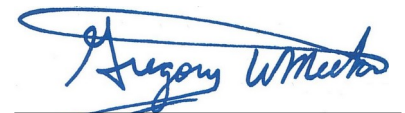
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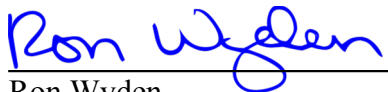
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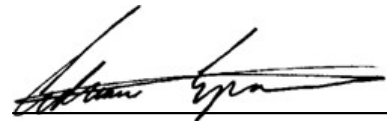
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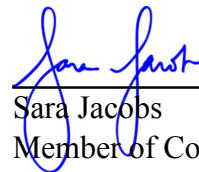
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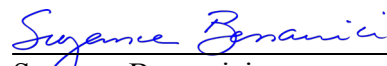
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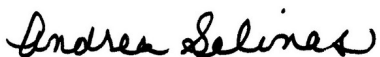
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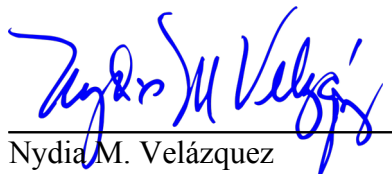
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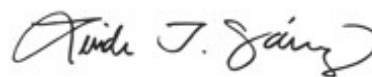
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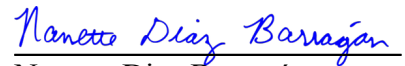
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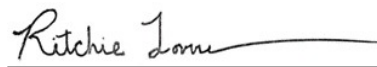
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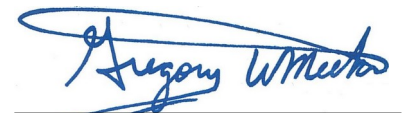
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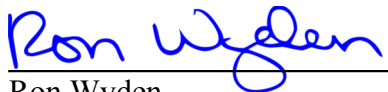
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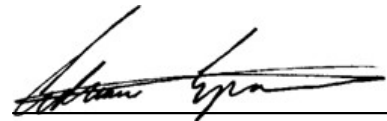
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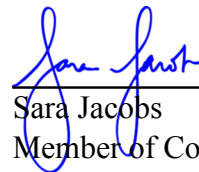
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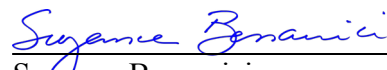
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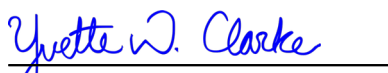
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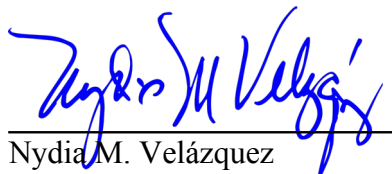
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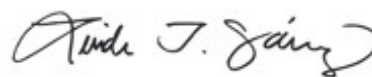
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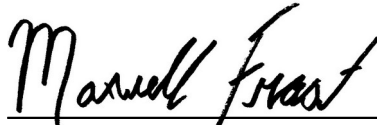
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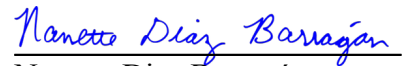
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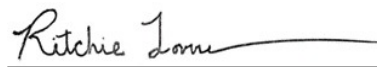
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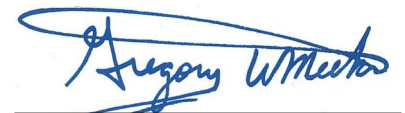
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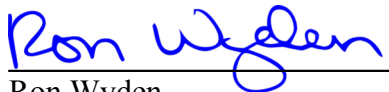
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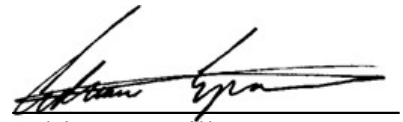
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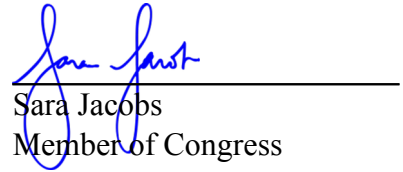
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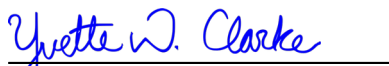
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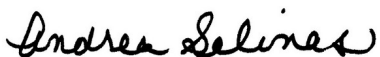
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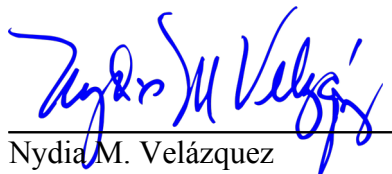
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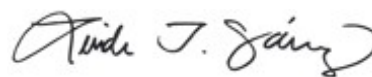
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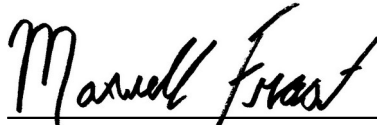
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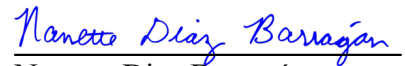
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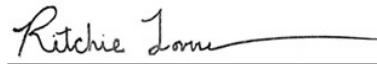
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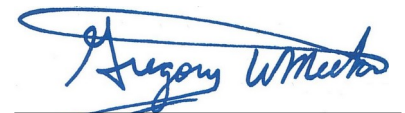
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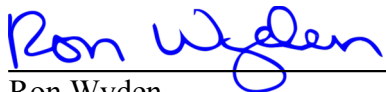
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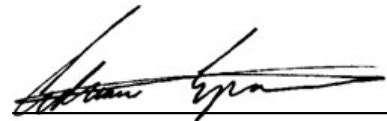
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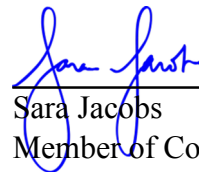
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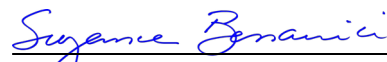
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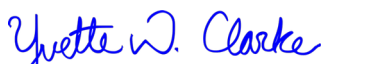
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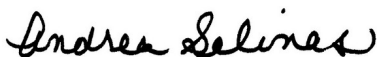
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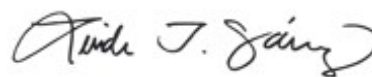
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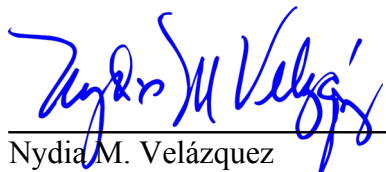
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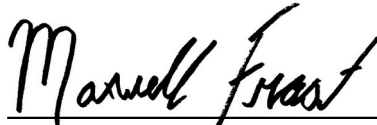
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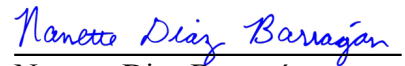
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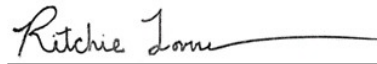
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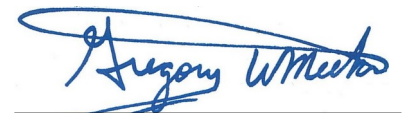
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November 12, 2025

The Honorable Josh Shapiro
Governor of Pennsylvania
501 North 3rd Street
508 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor Shapiro:

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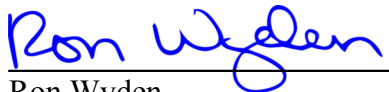
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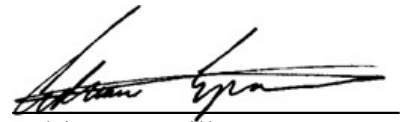
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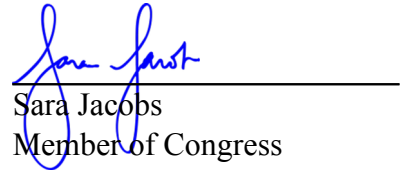
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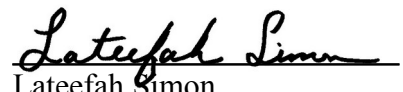
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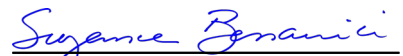
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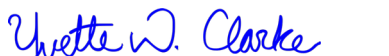
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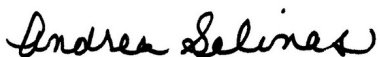
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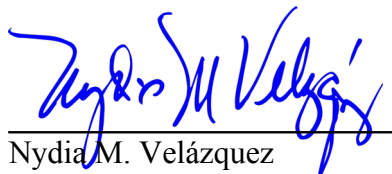
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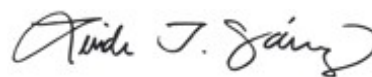
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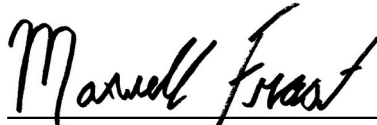
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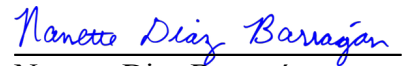
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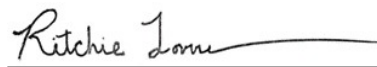
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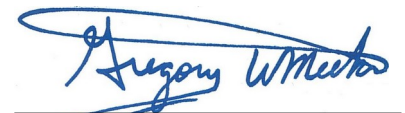
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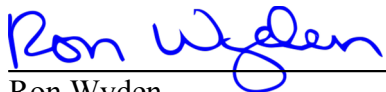
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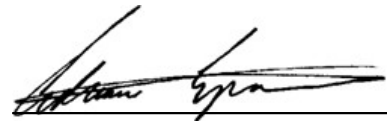
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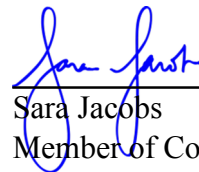
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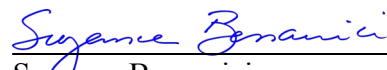
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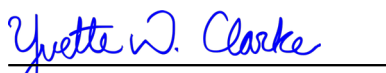
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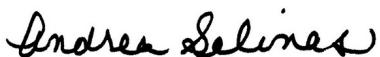
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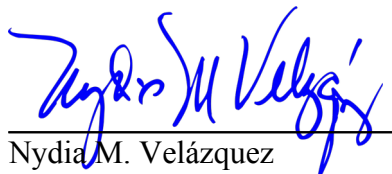
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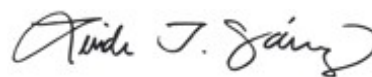
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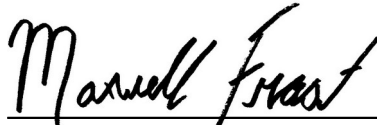
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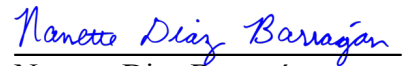
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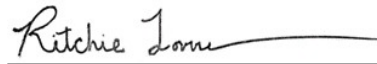
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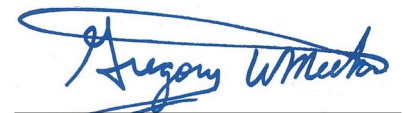
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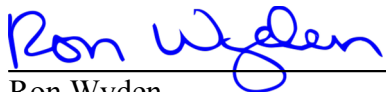
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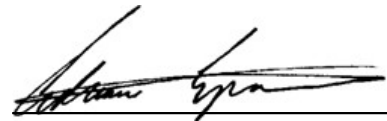
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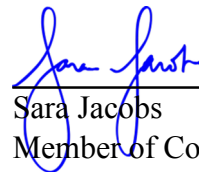
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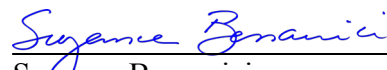
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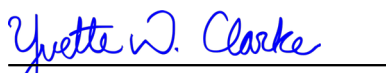
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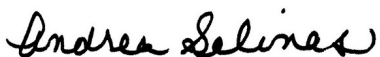
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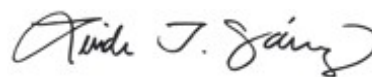
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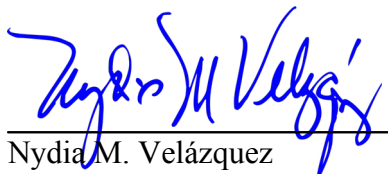
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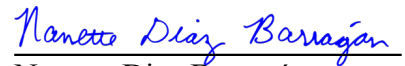
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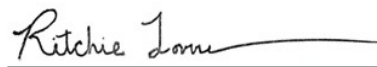
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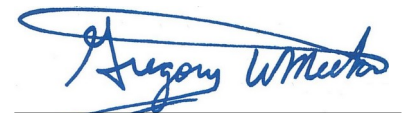
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November 12, 2025

The Honorable Albert Bryan Jr.
Governor of the U.S. Virgin Islands
5047 (21-22) Kongens Gade
St. Thomas, VI 00802

Dear Governor Bryan:

We write to alert you to the fact that the US Virgin Islands (USVI) is providing Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and other federal agencies with frictionless, self-service access to the personal data of all of your residents. We urge you to block ICE's access, as Illinois, New York, Massachusetts, Minnesota and Washington have already done and Oregon is in the process of doing, and to consider going further by blocking access to other federal agencies that are now acting as Trump's shock troops. This commonsense step will improve public safety and guard against Trump officials using the USVI's data for unjustified, politicized actions, while still allowing continued collaboration on serious crimes.

For more than 20 years, every state and the District of Columbia (DC) have made their residents' data available to approximately 18,000 federal, state, local, tribal and territorial law enforcement agencies across the United States and Canada. These law enforcement agencies have direct access to your residents' data and can search and retrieve that data without the knowledge or assistance of USVI government employees. This is because the Virgin Islands Police Department provides law enforcement agencies outside the USVI with real time access to your state Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) database, which includes drivers licenses and other state-issued ID cards. This data sharing is done through a non-profit organization managed by state police agencies known as Nlets — the International Justice & Public Safety Network (“Nlets”).

In the year prior to October 1, 2025, Nlets facilitated over 290 million queries for DMV data, 292,114 of which were from ICE and 605,116 were from Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), according to data Nlets recently provided to Congress. These statistics represent federal and out-of-state requests for data, because law enforcement agencies do not generally access DMV data about residents of their own states through Nlets.

Each state can decide for itself the data it makes available through Nlets, the queries it permits federal and out-of-state law enforcement agencies to make of its data, and the specific agencies that can (or cannot) access its data. According to public data published by Nlets, 20 states and DC allow law enforcement agencies to search drivers' license records using any individual's name and date of birth. In contrast, all 50 states and DC allow agencies to search driver data using a driver's license number. In theory, drivers' license number searches are less likely to be used for dragnet surveillance; however, drivers' license numbers are readily available for purchase from commercial data brokers.

In addition, 41 states share drivers' license photos through Nlets, which can be accessed by federal agencies and analyzed using facial recognition software. According to recent press reports, ICE agents in the field are now using a facial recognition app, called Mobile Fortify, which can instantly identify individuals using over 200 million photos. ICE's Mobile Fortify is reportedly able to access data from Nlets. It remains unclear if ICE is using drivers' license photos for facial recognition.

In early November, Nlets told Congress that it is aware of only four states — Illinois, New York, Massachusetts, Minnesota — that have blocked access to DMV data by ICE. In addition, after engaging with Congressional Democrats, Washington indicated that it too has now blocked ICE's access to DMV data, and Oregon is working on a process for blocking ICE's access to DMV data.

While a number of states have enacted laws, executive orders or policies that are intended to prevent DMV data from being shared with or accessed by immigration authorities, these laws and policies are often ineffective, due to major flaws: First, these policies often only apply to the department of motor vehicles, which does not connect to Nlets, and do not apply to the state police, who act as a conduit for out-of-state and federal agency access to the state DMV database through Nlets. Second, these policies often restrict the activities of state employees, but with respect to Nlets, state employees do not facilitate individual requests for data. Computer systems automatically route Nlets requests and state policies often do not apply to automated computer systems. Third, these policies often restrict data sharing only when data is sought for immigration enforcement. However, because Nlets requests from ICE and other federal agencies do not indicate the purpose of a request, states do not have affirmative knowledge of the purpose, which could then trigger a requirement to block the request. Moreover, even if requesters were required to provide a purpose for a given request, the Trump administration cannot be trusted to tell the truth, and there are no meaningful legal consequences for federal officers who provide a false reason.

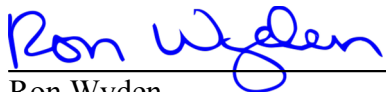
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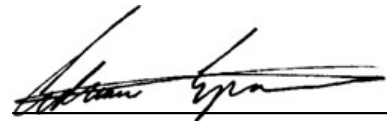
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Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

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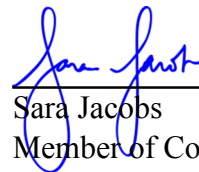
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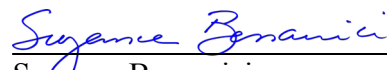
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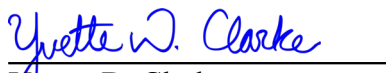
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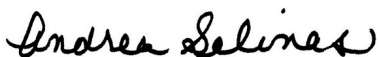
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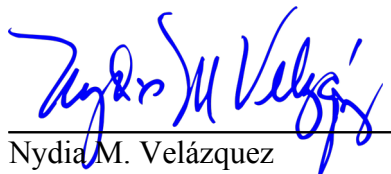
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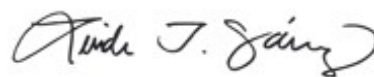
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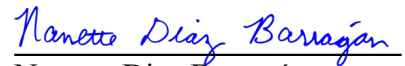
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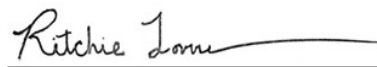
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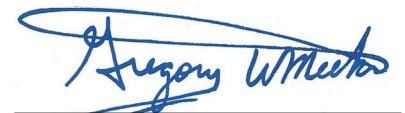
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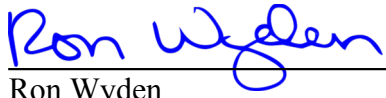
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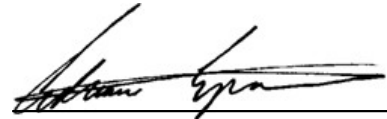
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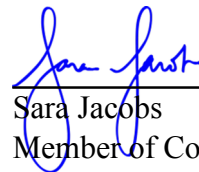
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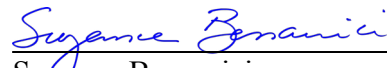
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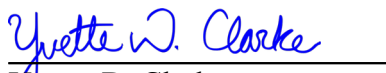
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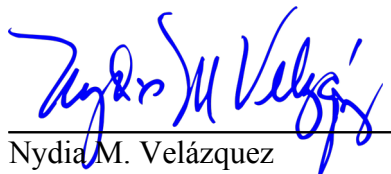
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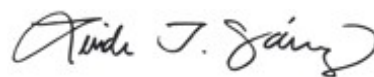
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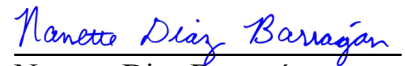
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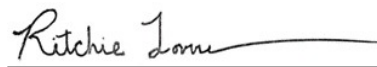
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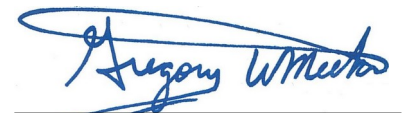
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