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August 4, 2023

The Honorable Jennifer Granholm
Secretary
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Granholm:

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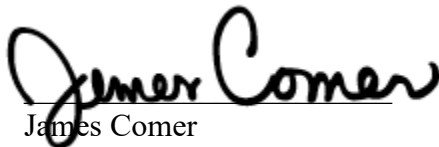
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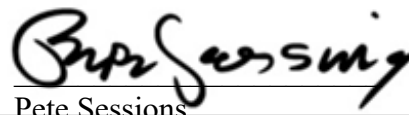
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The Honorable Michael Regan
Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Administrator Regan:

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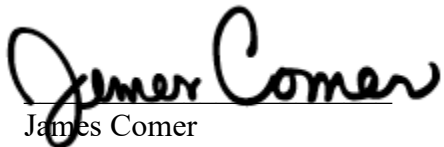
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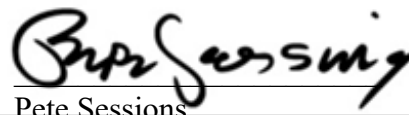
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The Honorable Martin Gruenberg
Chairman
United States Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
550 17th St., NW
Washington, DC 20429

Dear Chairman Gruenberg:

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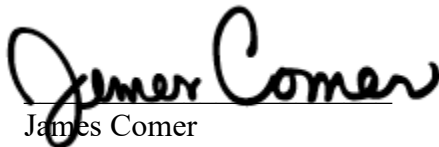
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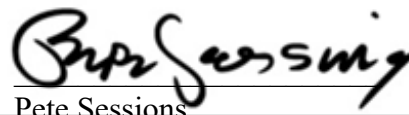
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Administrator
General Services Administration
1800 F St., NW
Washington, DC 20405

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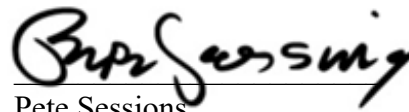
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The Honorable Xavier Becerra
Secretary
United States Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Secretary Becerra:

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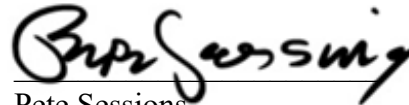
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The Honorable Marcia Fudge
Secretary
United States Department of Housing and Urban Development
451 7th St., SW
Washington, DC 20410

Dear Secretary Fudge:

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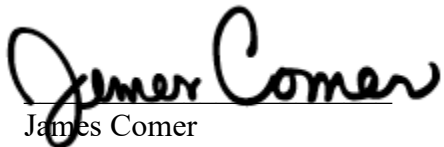
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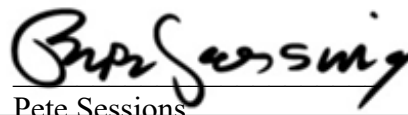
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United States Department of the Interior
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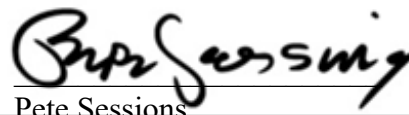
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August 4, 2023

The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas
Secretary
United States Department of Homeland Security
1100 Alabama Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20032

Dear Secretary Mayorkas:

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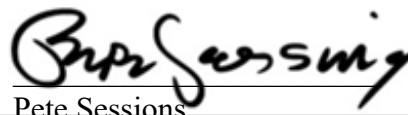
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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

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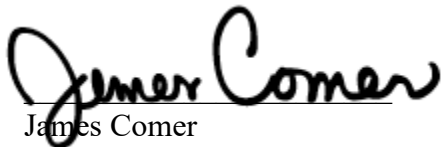
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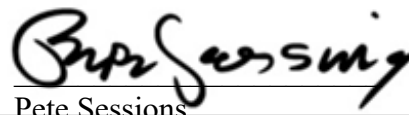
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The Honorable Gina Raimondo
Secretary
United States Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Secretary Raimondo:

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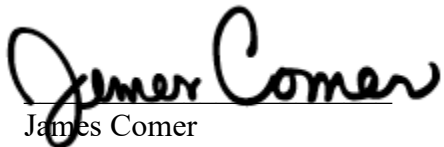
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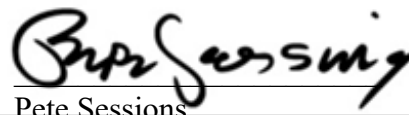
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The Honorable Julie Su
Secretary
United States Department of Labor
200 Constitution Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20210

Dear Secretary Su:

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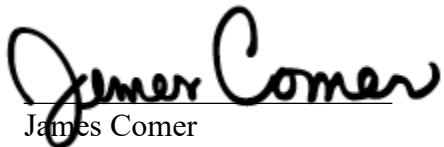
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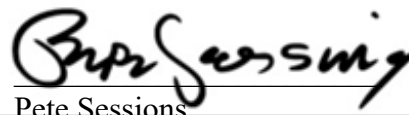
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The Honorable Sethuraman Panchanathan
Director
National Science Foundation
2415 Eisenhower Ave.
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Director Panchanathan:

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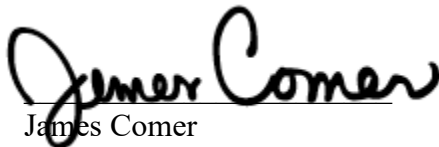
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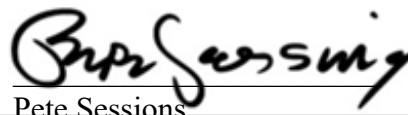
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The Honorable Kiran Ahuja
Director
United States Office of Personnel Management
1900 E St., NW
Washington, DC 20415

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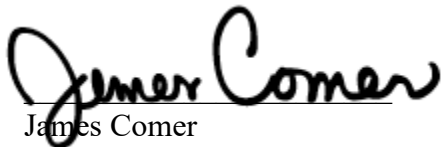
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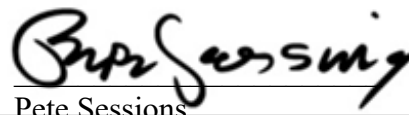
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Director
United States Small Business Administration
409 3rd St., SW
Washington, DC 20416

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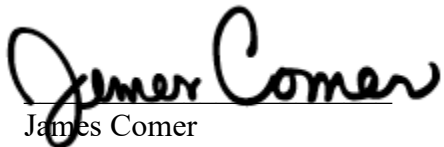
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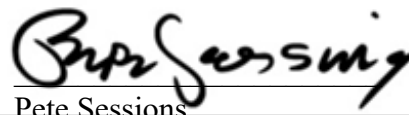
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August 4, 2023

Dr. Kilolo Kijakazi
Acting Commissioner
United States Social Security Administration
6401 Security Blvd.
Baltimore, MD 21235

Dear Acting Commissioner Kijakazi:

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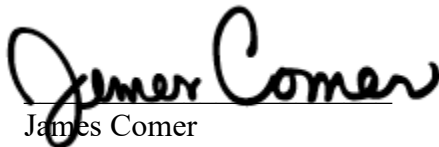
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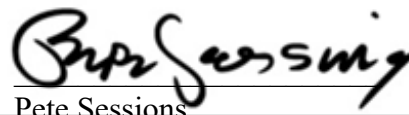
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The Honorable Antony Blinken
Secretary
United States Department of State
2201 C St., NW
Washington, DC 20520

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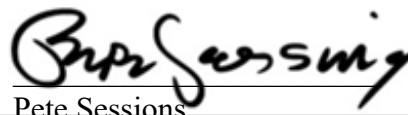
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The Honorable Janet Yellen
Secretary
United States Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20220

Dear Secretary Yellen:

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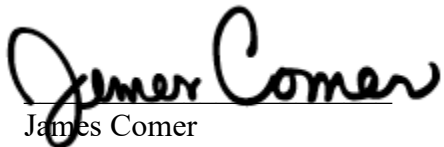
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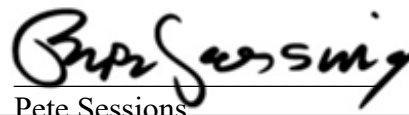
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The Honorable Samantha Power
Administrator
United States Agency for International Development
1300 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20004

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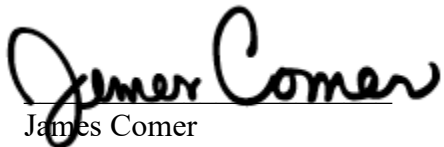
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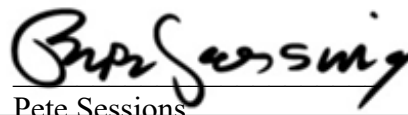
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The Honorable Thomas Vilsack
Secretary
United States Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20250

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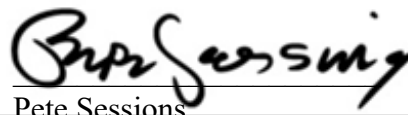
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The Honorable Denis McDonough
Secretary
United States Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Ave., NW
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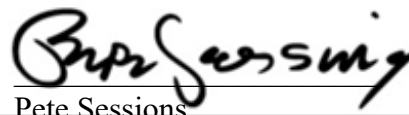
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The Honorable Lloyd Austin
Secretary
United States Department of Defense
1000 Defense Pentagon
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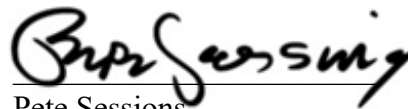
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The Honorable Merrick Garland
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United States Department of Justice
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Dear Attorney General Garland:

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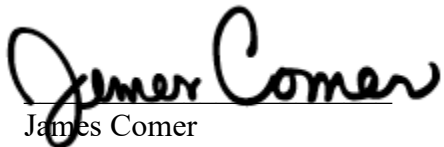
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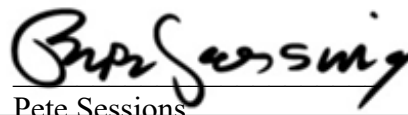
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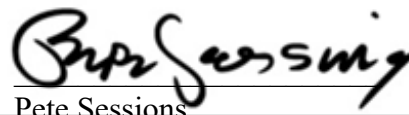
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