

September 15, 2003

The Honorable William M. Thomas
U.S. House of Representatives
2208 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

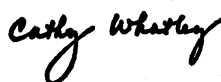
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Cathy Whatley
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The Honorable Jim McCrery
U.S. House of Representatives
2104 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

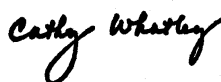
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U.S. House of Representatives
2354 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

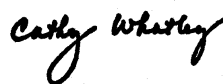
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U.S. House of Representatives
2183 Rayburn House Office Building
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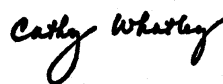
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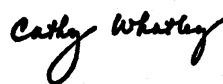
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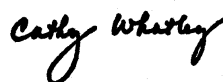
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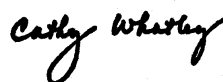
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U.S. House of Representatives
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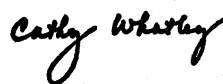
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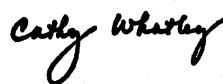
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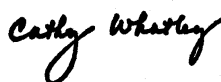
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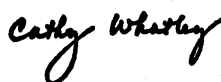
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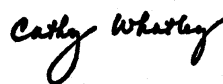
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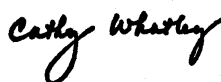
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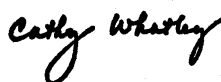
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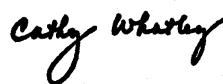
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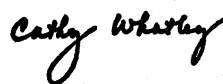
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U.S. House of Representatives
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Washington, DC 20515

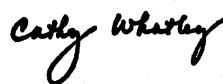
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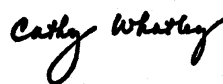
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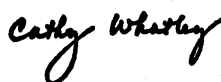
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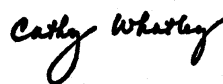
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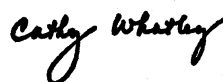
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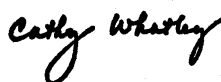
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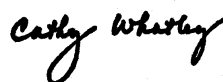
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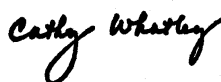
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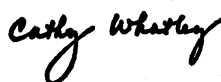
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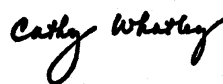
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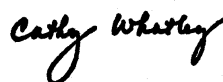
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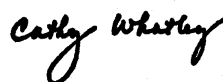
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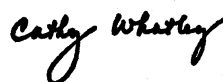
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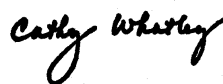
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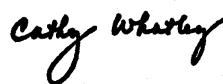
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Sincerely,



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