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Washington, D.C. 20250

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The Honorable Joseph R. Biden
President
United States Senate
S-212 Capitol Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-0012

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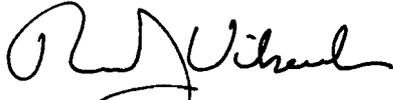
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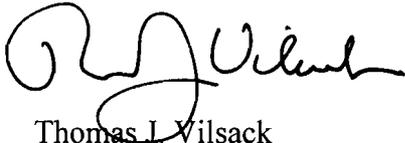
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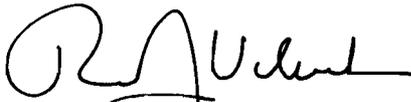
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