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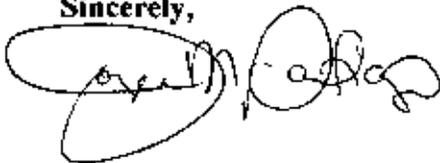
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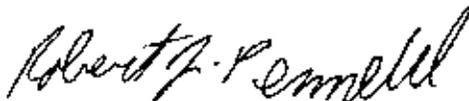
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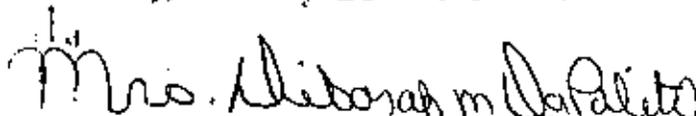
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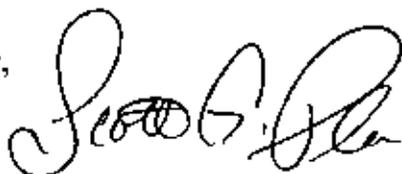
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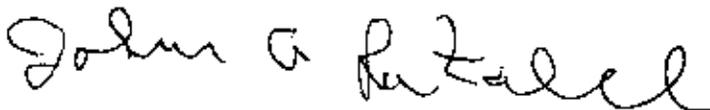
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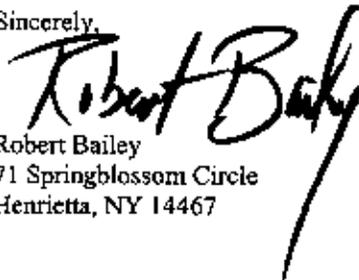
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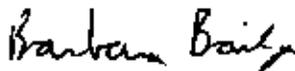
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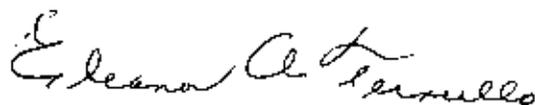
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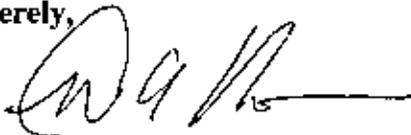
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Sincerely,

Steve Smith
2505 Freshman St
Niagara Falls NY
14304

Received

May 30, 2005

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Collins, NY 14034

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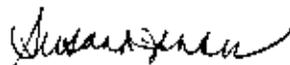
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Douglas W. Jensen

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6/12/2005

Brian Dickman
522 Fairmont Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120
(716)628-3588

May 26, 2005

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Lockport, NY 14094

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5915 Broadway
Lancaster, NY 14086-9523
(716) 681-4440

6/12/2005

Dr. Melinda R. Burgwardt

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May 2005

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Steven R. Hobbs
25 Siskelton Ave
Hamburg, NY 14075

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393 Woodgate Road
Tonawanda, NY 14150
May 19, 2005

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Ronald R. Little

Lynn A. Little and
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Add your Name and address

Becky + Jesse Holka
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GRAND IS, N.Y.
14072

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*Veronica Bilanski
54 Woodland Terr
Cheek, NY 14225*

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Emily B. Fattis

434 Ward Road
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

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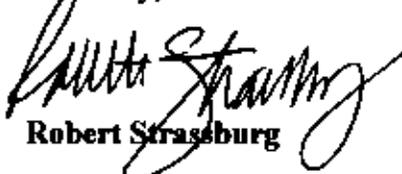
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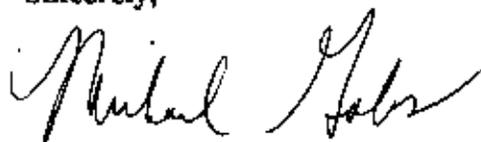
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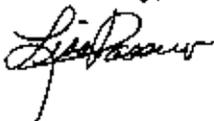
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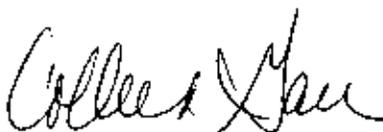
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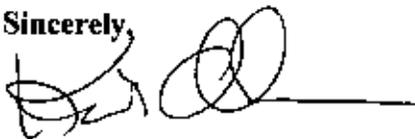
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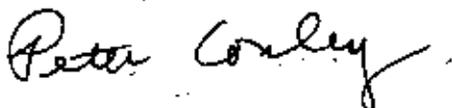
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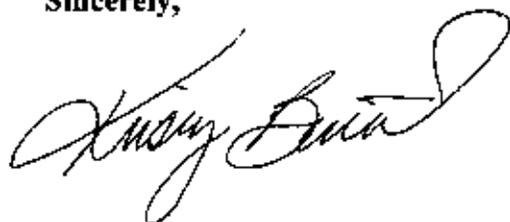
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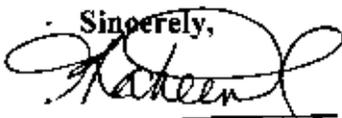
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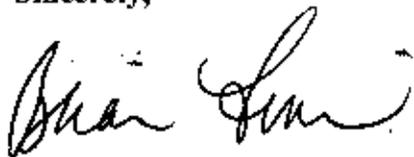
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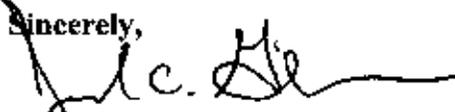
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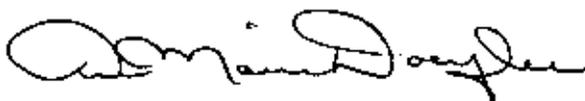
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