



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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THE ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Alonzo L. Fulgham
Acting Administrator
U.S. Agency for International Development
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., RRB 6.09-022
Washington, D.C. 20523

Dear Mr. Fulgham:

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Mr. Nicola O. Goren
Acting Chief Executive Officer
Corporation for National and Community Service
1201 New York Avenue, N.W.
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The Honorable Tom Vilsack
Secretary
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20250

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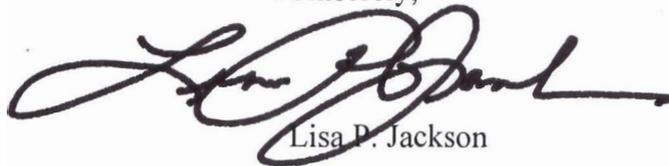
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The Honorable Gary Locke
Secretary
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20230

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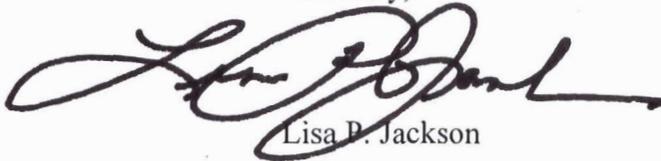
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Secretary
U.S. Department of Defense
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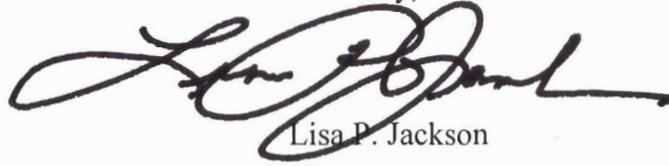
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Secretary
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, S.W.
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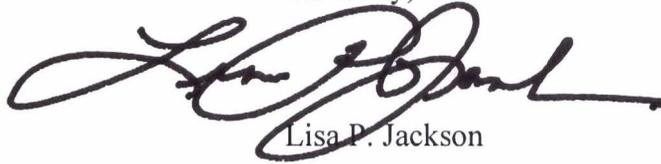
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APR 20 2009

THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Honorable Janet Napolitano
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
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The Honorable Shaun Donovan
Secretary
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
451 7th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20410

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APR 20 2009

THE ADMINISTRATOR

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Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
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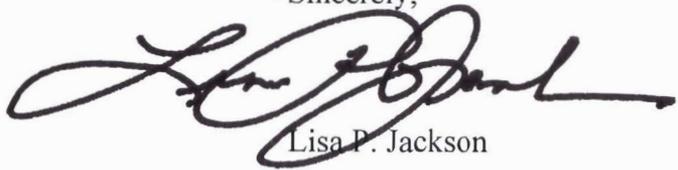
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APR 20 2009

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The Honorable Hilda Solis
Secretary
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
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Secretary
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20520

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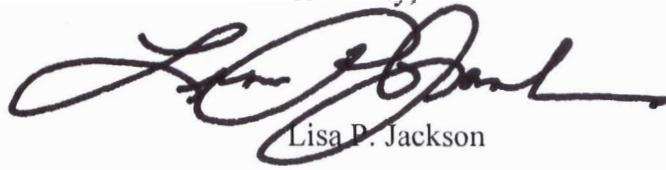
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Secretary
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
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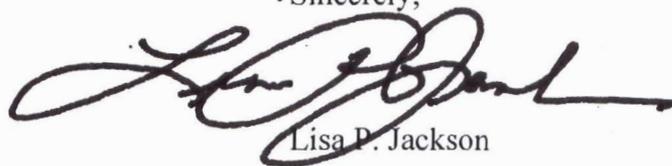
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Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
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THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Honorable Timothy F. Geithner
Secretary
U.S. Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
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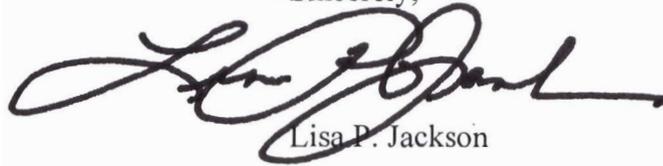
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Secretary
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, N.W.
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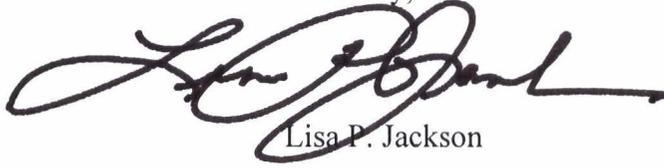
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Commissioner
Federal Communication Commission
445 12th Street, S.W., Room 8-B114
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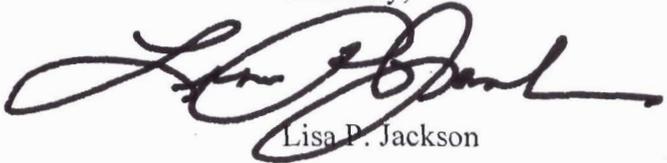
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1800 F Street, N.W.
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Acting Administrator
National Aeronautics and Space Administration
300 E Street, S.W.
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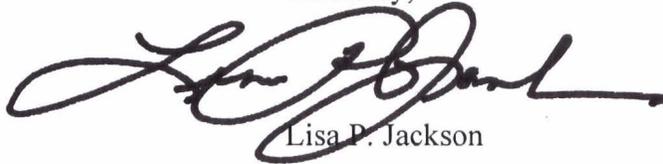
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National Endowment for the Arts
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
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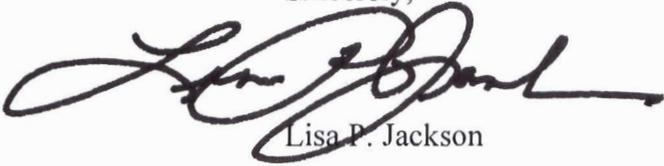
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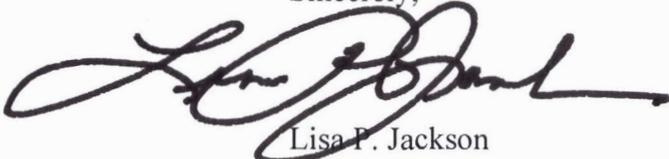
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THE ADMINISTRATOR

Ms. Kathie Ann Whipple
Acting Director
Office of Personnel Management
1900 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20415

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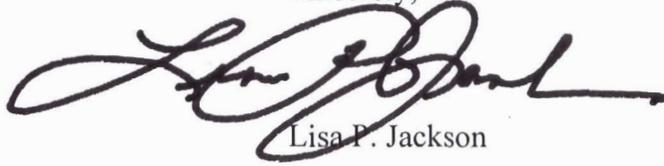
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Chairman
U.S. Railroad Retirement Board
844 North Rush Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092

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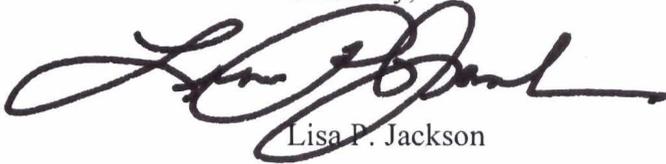
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Administrator
U.S. Small Business Administration
409 3rd Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20416

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Smithsonian Institution
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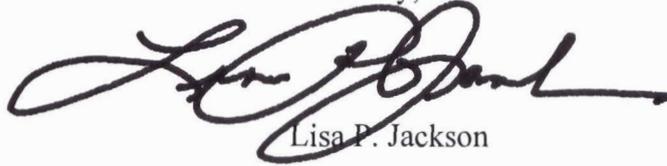
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Social Security Administration
6401 Security Boulevard
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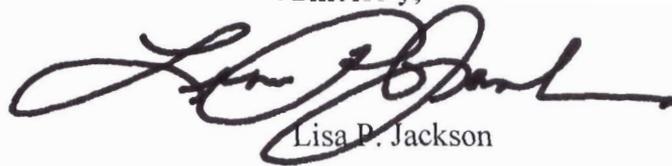
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