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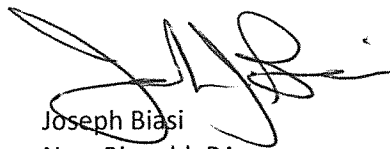
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New Ringold, PA

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David Boyd
Summit Hill, PA

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Carol Burrell
Lehighton, PA

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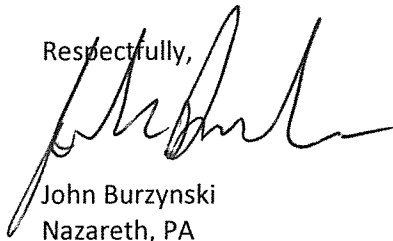
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John Burzynski
Nazareth, PA

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Thomas Dugan
Palmerton, PA

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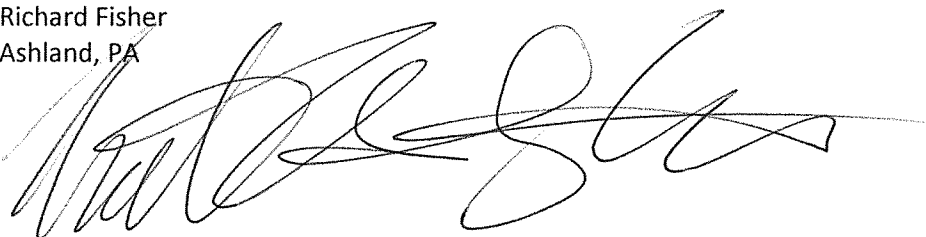
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Richard Fisher
Ashland, PA

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Gilberton, PA

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William Jones
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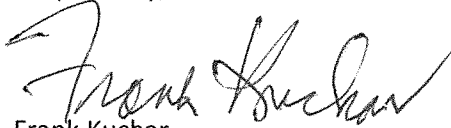
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Frank Kuchar
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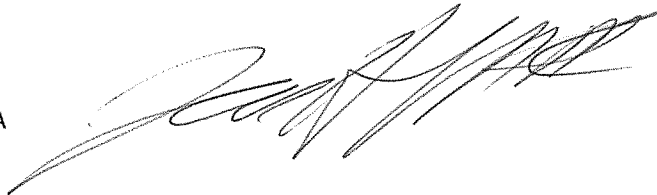
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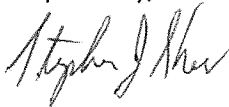
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