



October 20, 2015

The Honorable Thomas R. Carper
513 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

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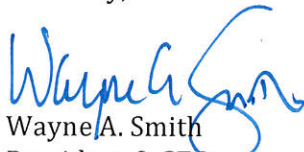
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Thank you as always for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Wayne A. Smith
President & CEO

cc: Senator John Thune, 511 Dirksen Senate Building, Washington DC, 20510
Senator Bill Nelson, 716 Hart Senate Building, Washington DC, 20510



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