

Honorable Arthur Coccodrilli  
333 Market Street, 14th Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

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903 Valley Rd  
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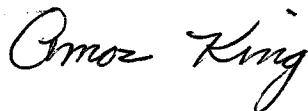
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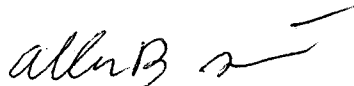
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