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May 11, 2005

The Honorable John Hostettler
Chairman, Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims
Committee on the Judiciary
United States House of Representatives
B-370B Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, District of Columbia

Dear Mr. Chairman:

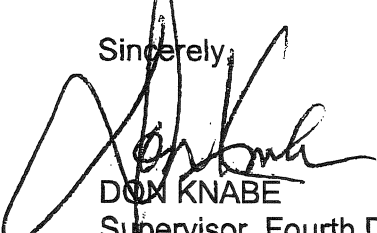
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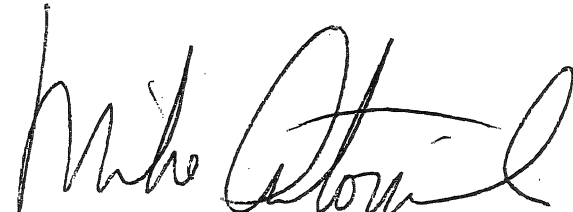
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Thank you for your attention and please do not hesitate to contact us should we be of any assistance.

Sincerely,


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