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Speaker Carl Heastie
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March 27, 2018

Dear Speaker Heastie:

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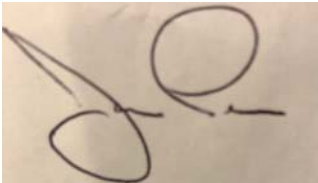
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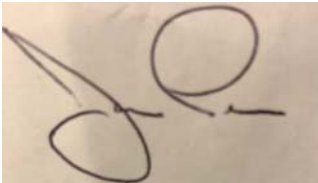
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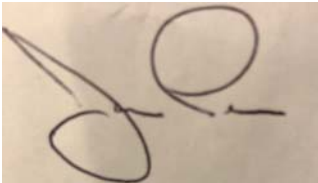
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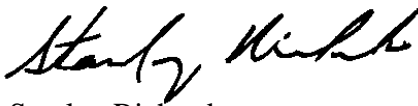
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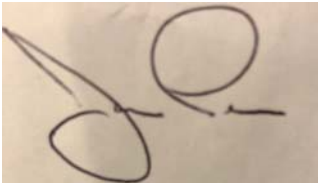
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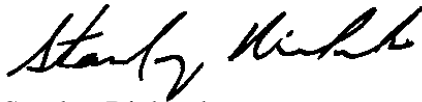
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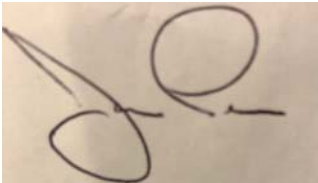
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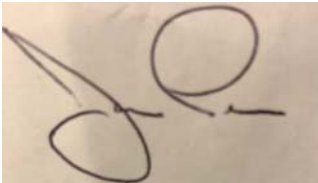
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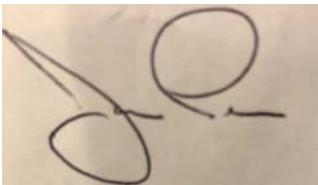
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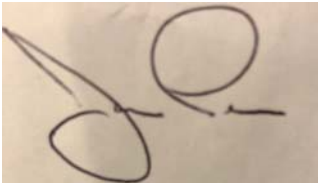
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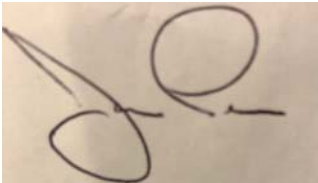
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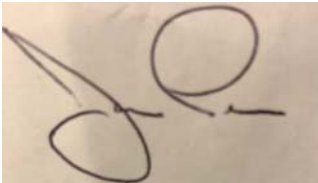
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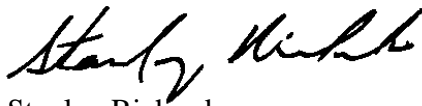
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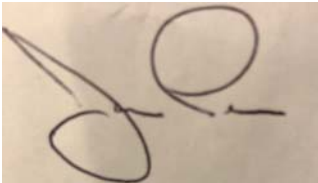
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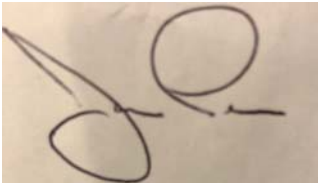
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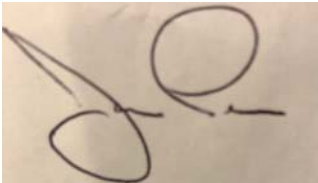
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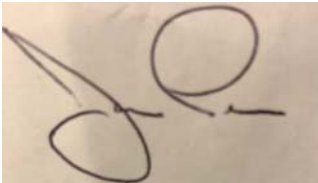
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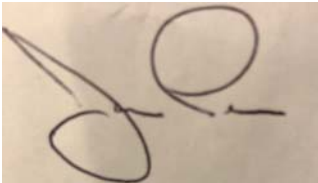
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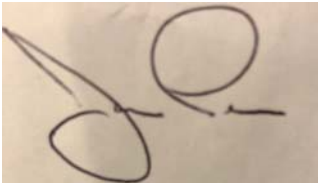
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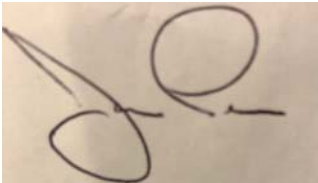
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Assembly Member Robert Rodriguez
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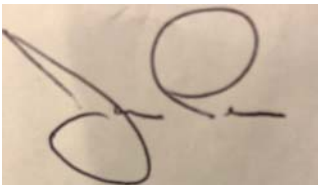
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Assembly Member Pheffer Amato
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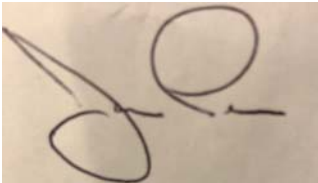
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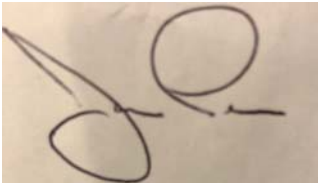
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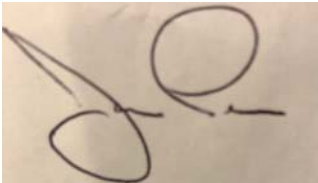
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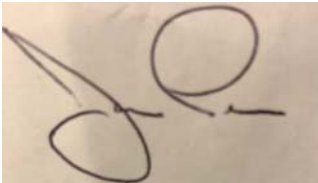
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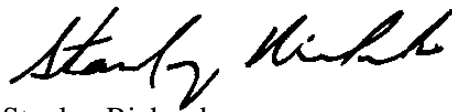
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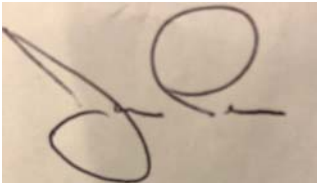
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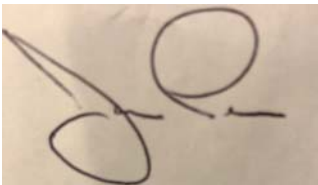
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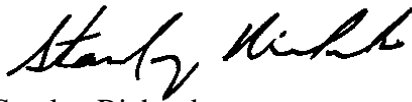
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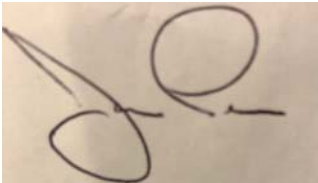
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Assembly Member Christine Pellegrino
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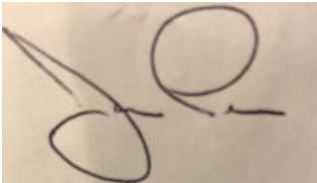
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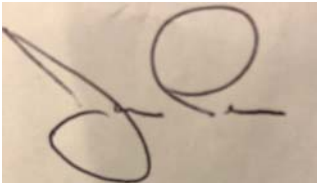
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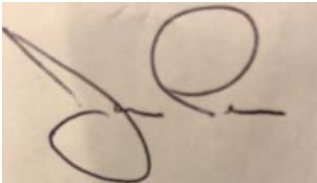
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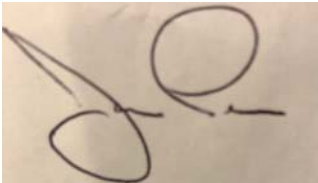
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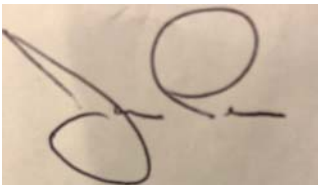
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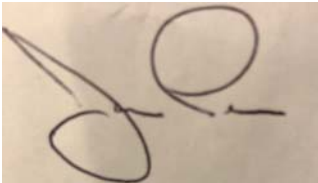
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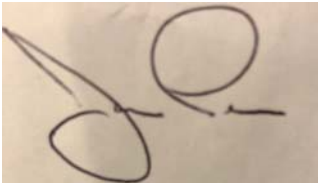
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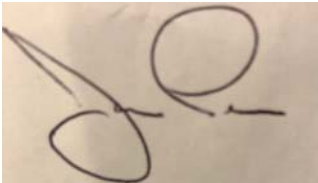
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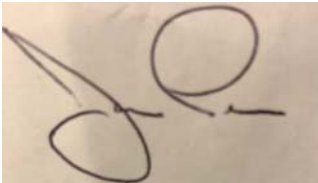
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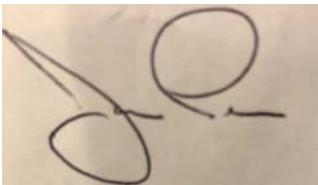
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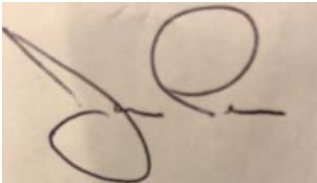
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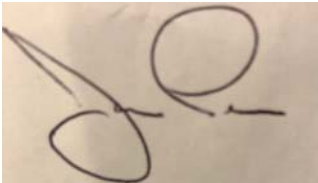
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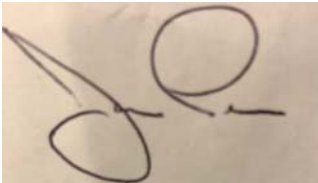
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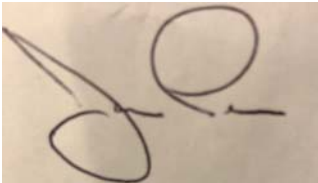
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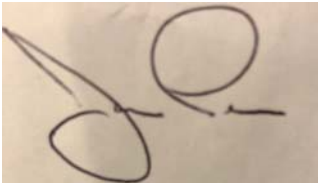
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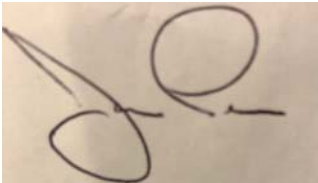
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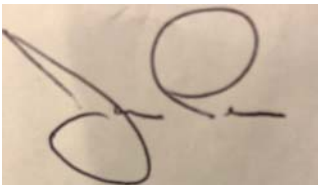
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Assembly Member Joseph Lentol
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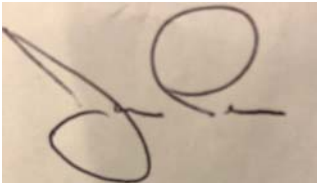
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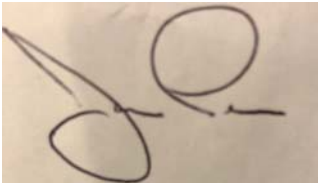
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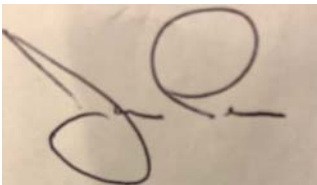
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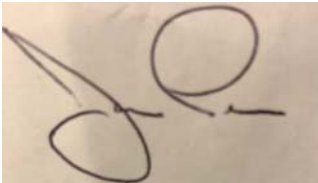
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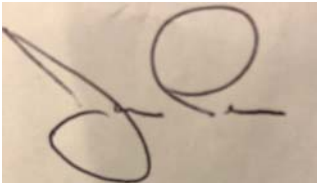
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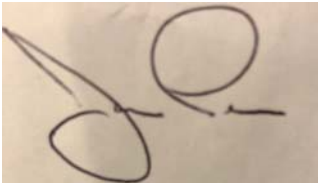
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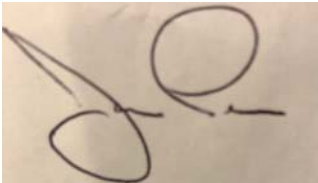
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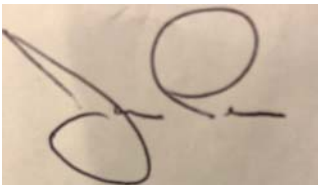
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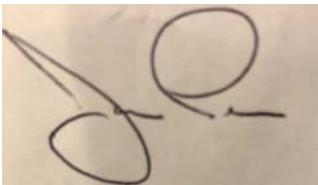
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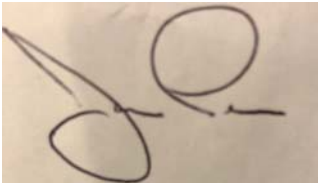
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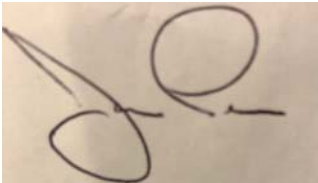
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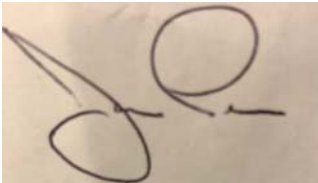
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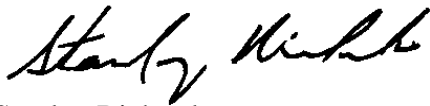
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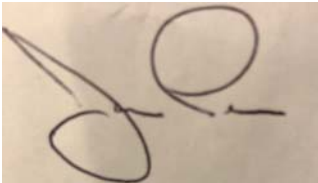
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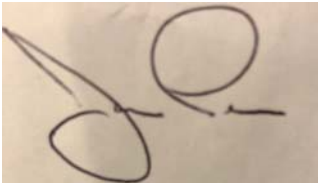
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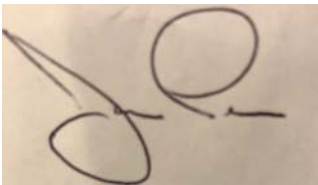
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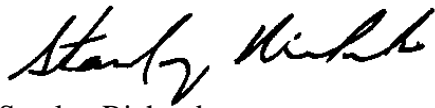
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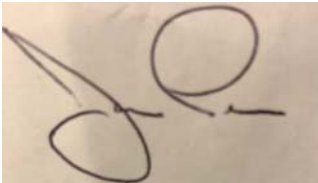
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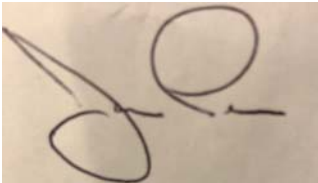
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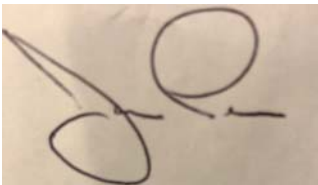
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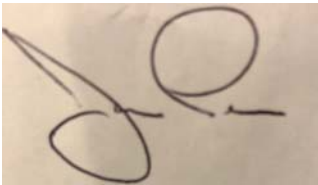
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