

July 8, 2021

The Honorable Patty Murray  
Chair  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and  
Human Services, and Education  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, DC 20540

The Honorable Roy Blunt  
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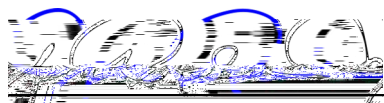
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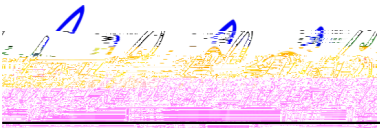
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Sincerely,

  
Jack Reel  
Anite! State# Senator

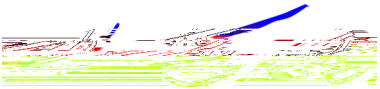
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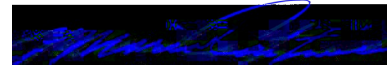
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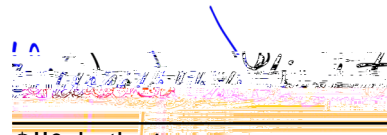
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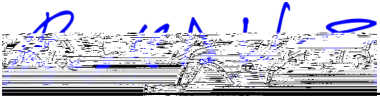
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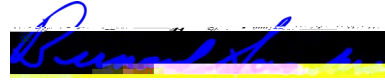
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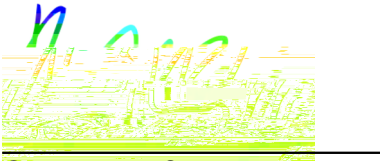
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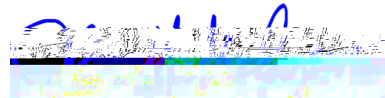
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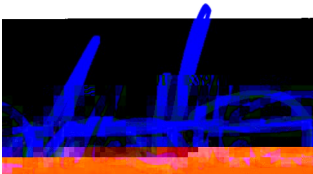
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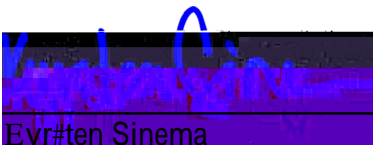
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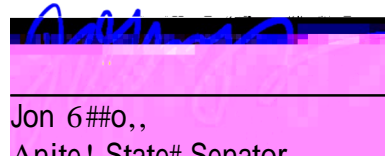
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