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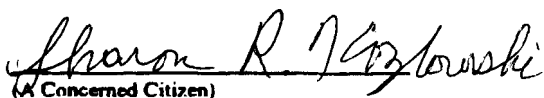
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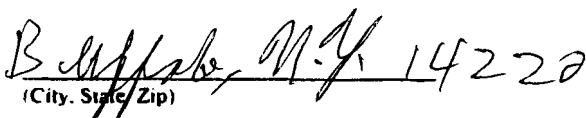
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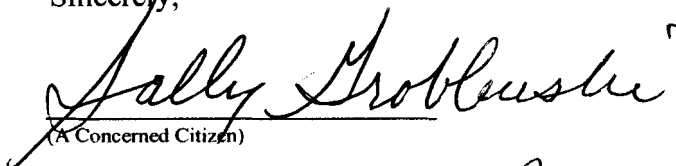
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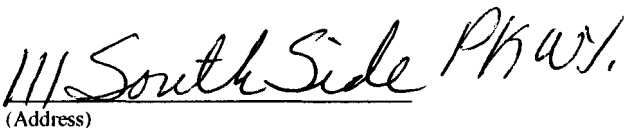
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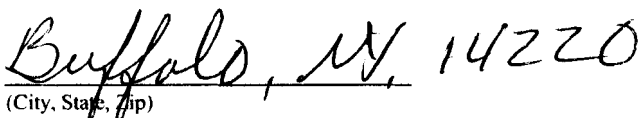
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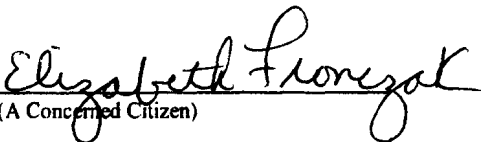
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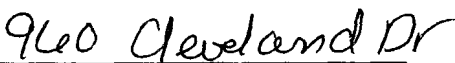
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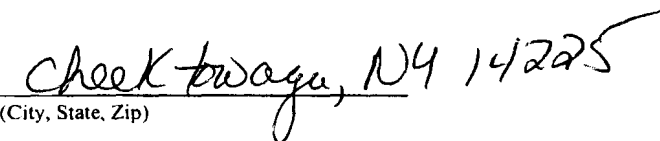
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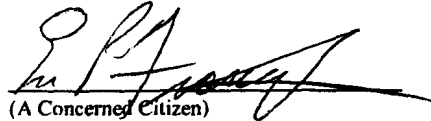
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With the continuing War on Terror and efforts to improve homeland security, it seems illogical to close a base that is strategically located to protect four major border crossings between the U.S. and Canada, along with the New York State Power Authority's Hydropower complex, which supplies substantial power to the Northeast United States Power grid. How will the Department defend this region, or the Guard respond to man-made or natural disasters, if these massive cuts are made?

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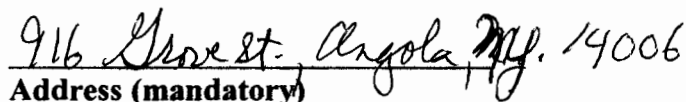
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