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The Honorable John S. Pistole
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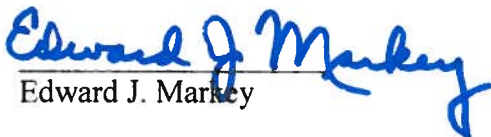
Dear Administrator Pistole:

We commend the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) decision last month to delay implementation of changes to the prohibited items list announced on March 5, 2013. Over the last two months, we have heard from flight attendants, air marshals, pilots, passengers, TSA screeners and airlines who are unequivocal in their unified view that allowing knives to be brought into the cabin of passenger planes is dangerous, unnecessary, and irresponsible. Putting TSA agents in charge of judging which knives are permissible and which must be confiscated will also decrease security and increase wait times for passengers.

We understand that you have asked the Aviation Security Advisory Committee (ASAC) to review the proposed changes to the prohibited items list and provide recommendations. We agree that TSA should seek comments from all stakeholders prior to making such a sweeping change. However, the chorus of objections to TSA's misguided rule change, from the Coalition of Flight Attendants Unions, Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association, Coalition of Airline Pilots Association, and American Federation of Government Employees, and FlyersRights.org, along with American Airlines, Delta Airlines, United Airlines, and U.S. Airways, makes clear that permitting knives on planes for the first time since September 11, 2001, creates unnecessary risk for the traveling public and those who serve them at 30,000 feet.

We urge you to keep the rule simple: No knives on planes. Thank you.

Sincerely,


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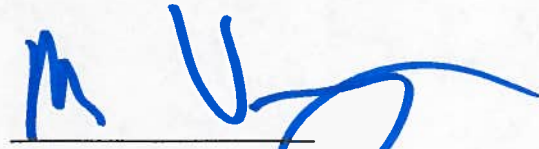
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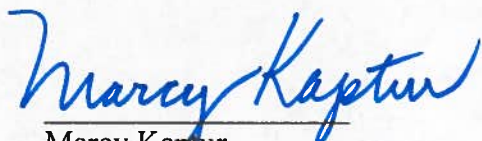

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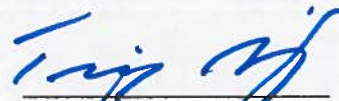

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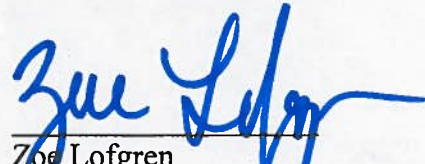

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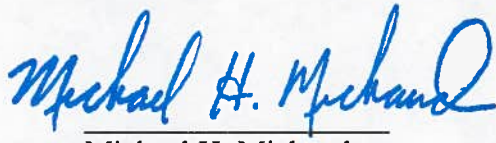

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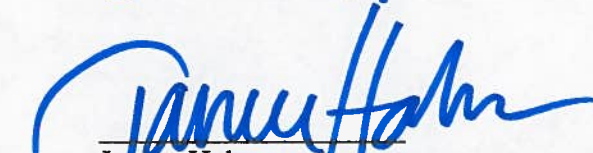

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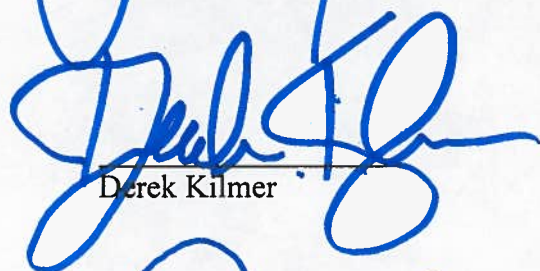

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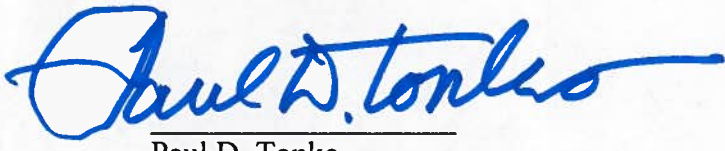

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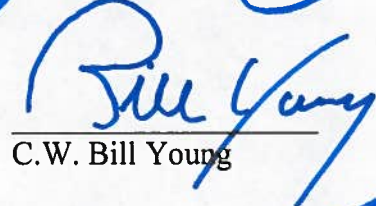

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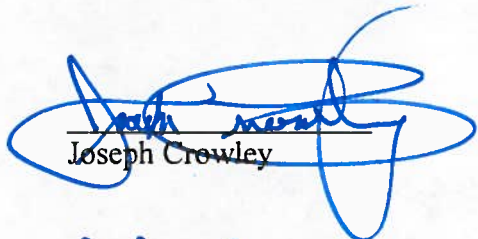

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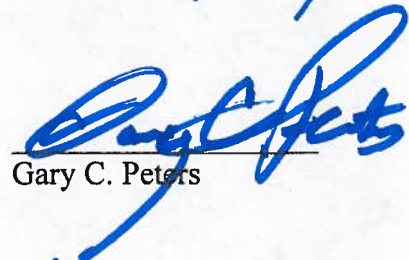

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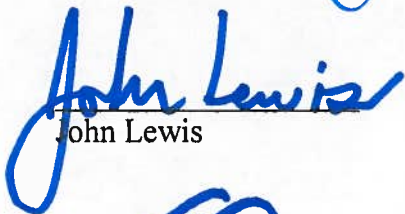

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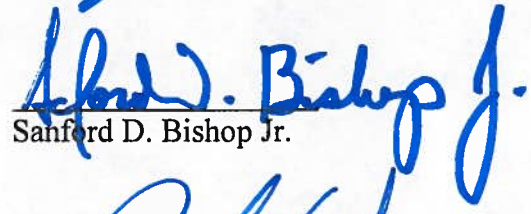

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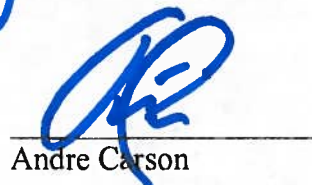

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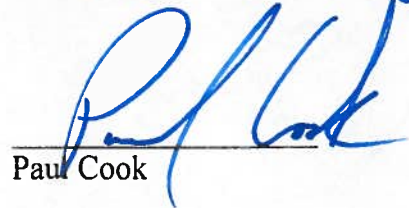

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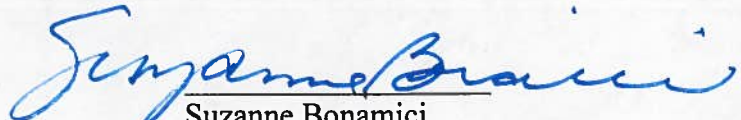

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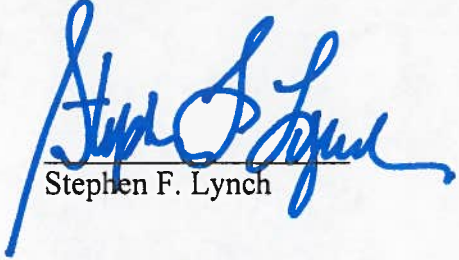

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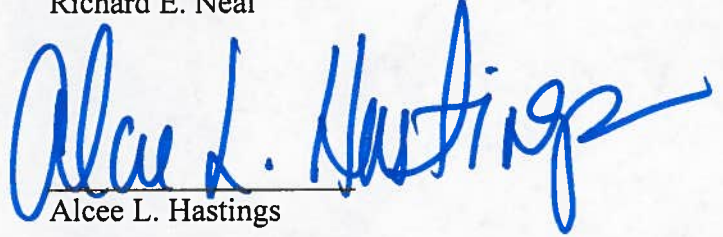
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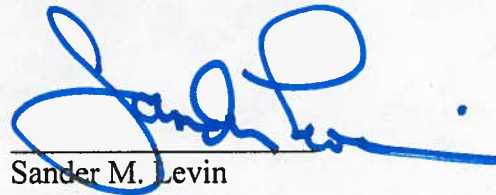
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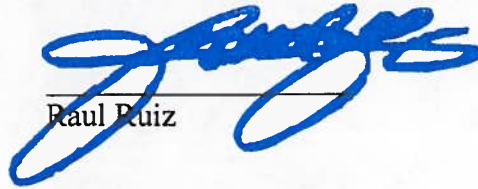
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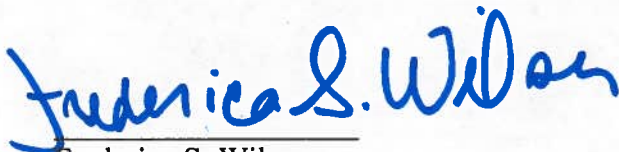
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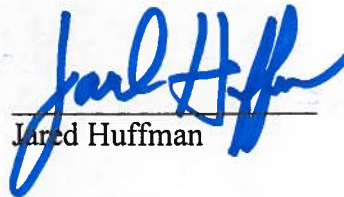
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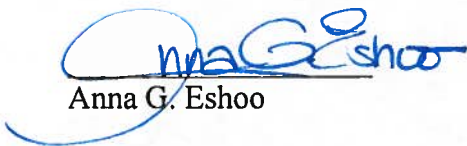
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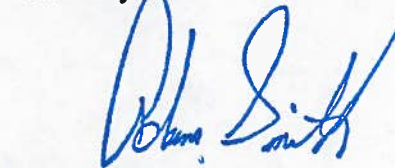

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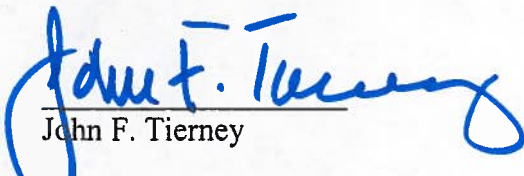

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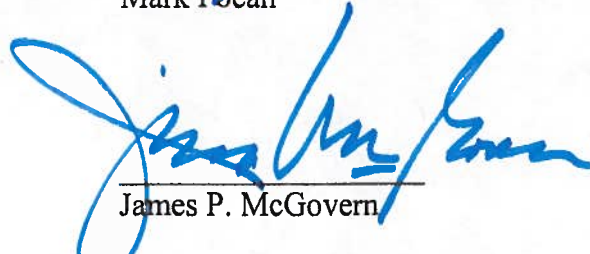

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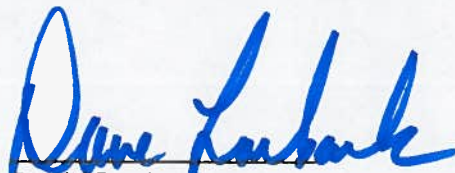
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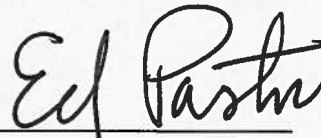
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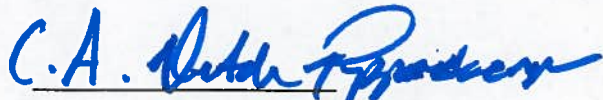
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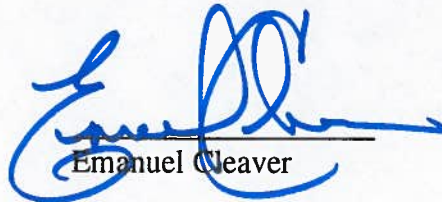
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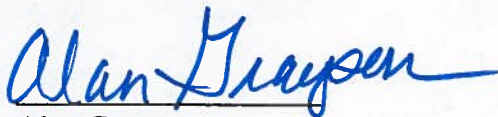
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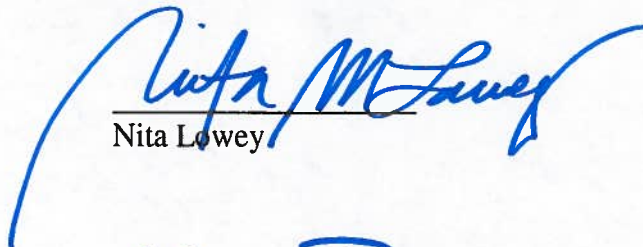
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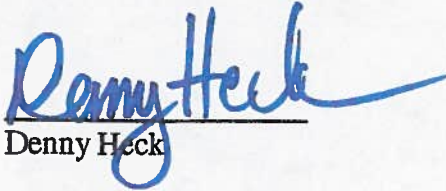
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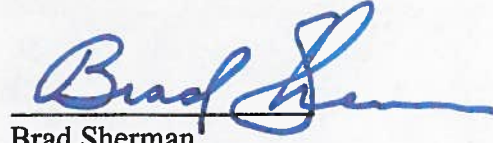


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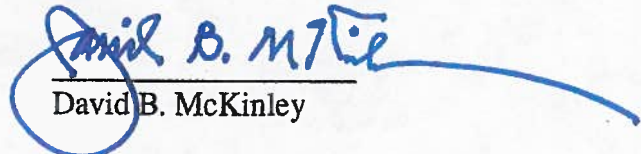

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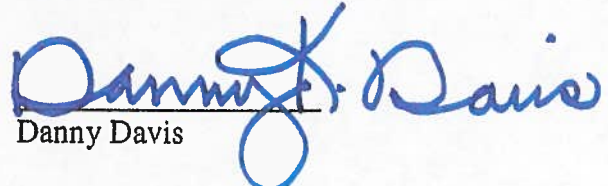

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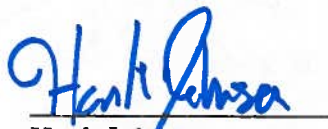

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