



THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590

November 16, 2011

The Honorable John D. Rockefeller IV
Chairman, Committee on Commerce,
Science, and Transportation
United States Senate
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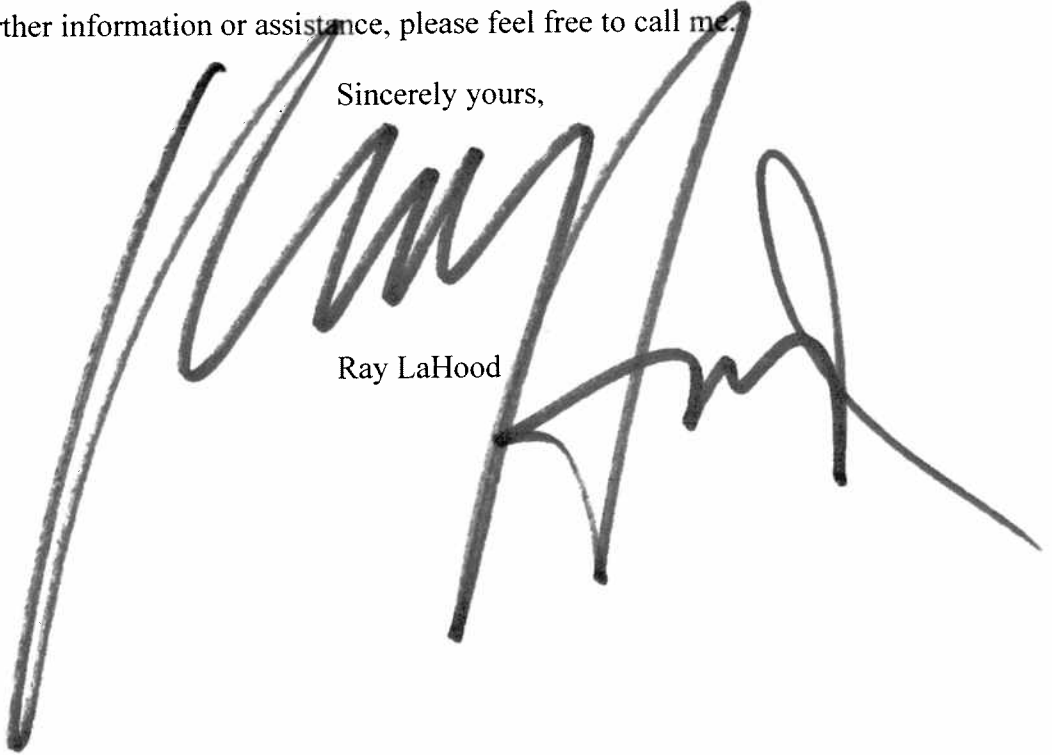
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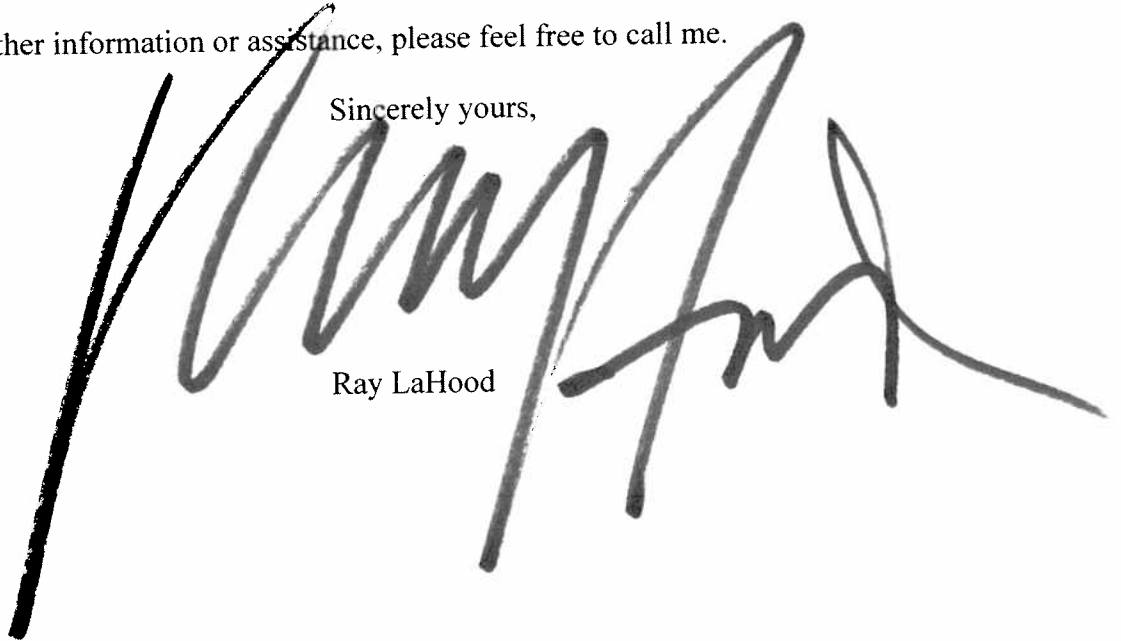
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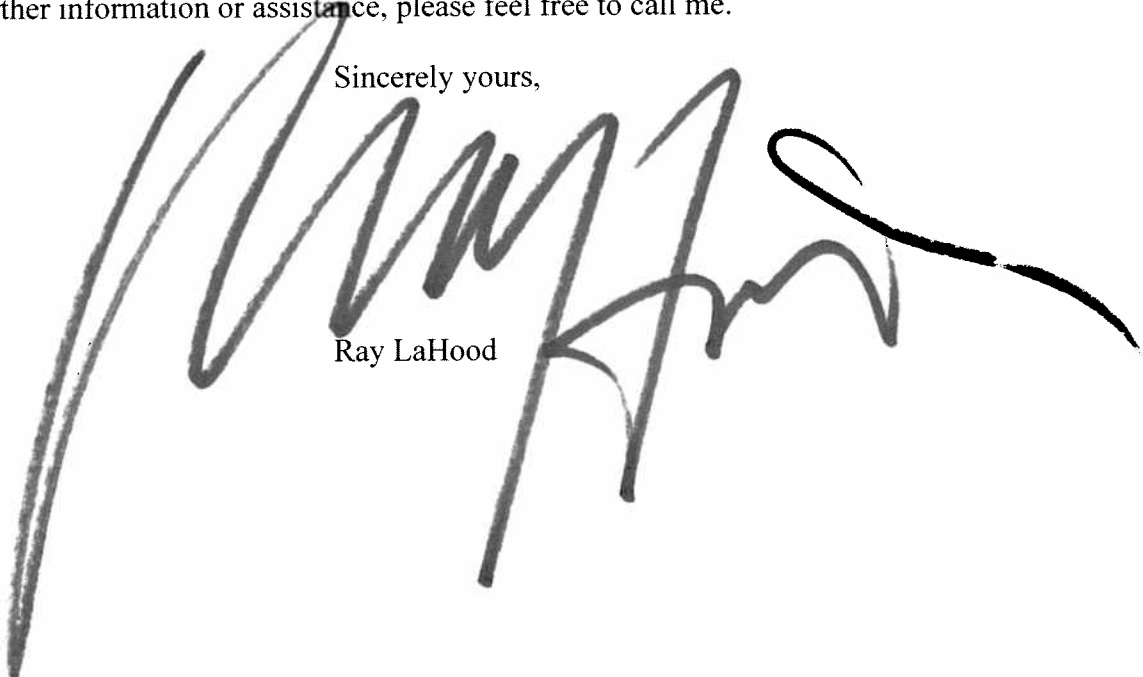
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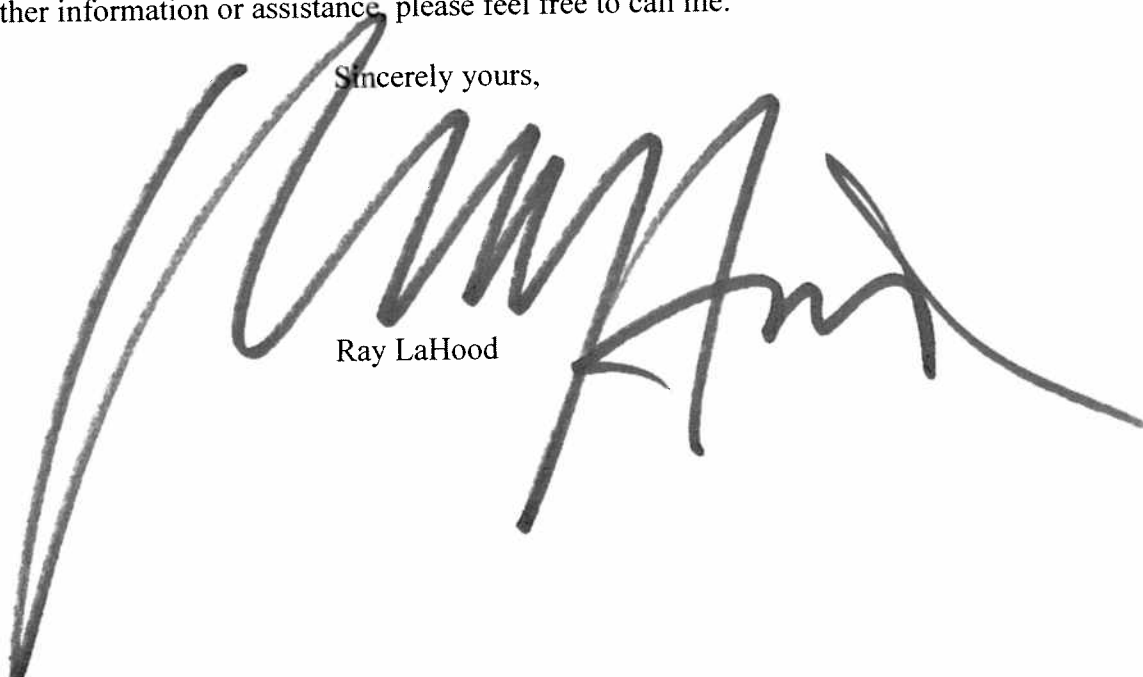
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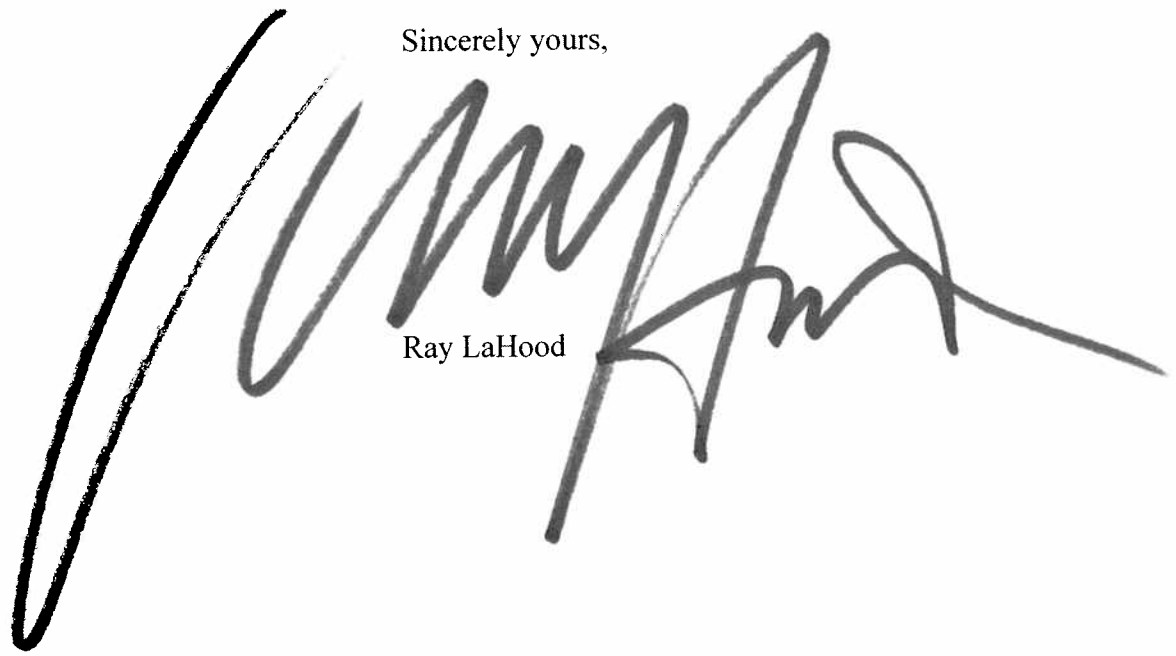
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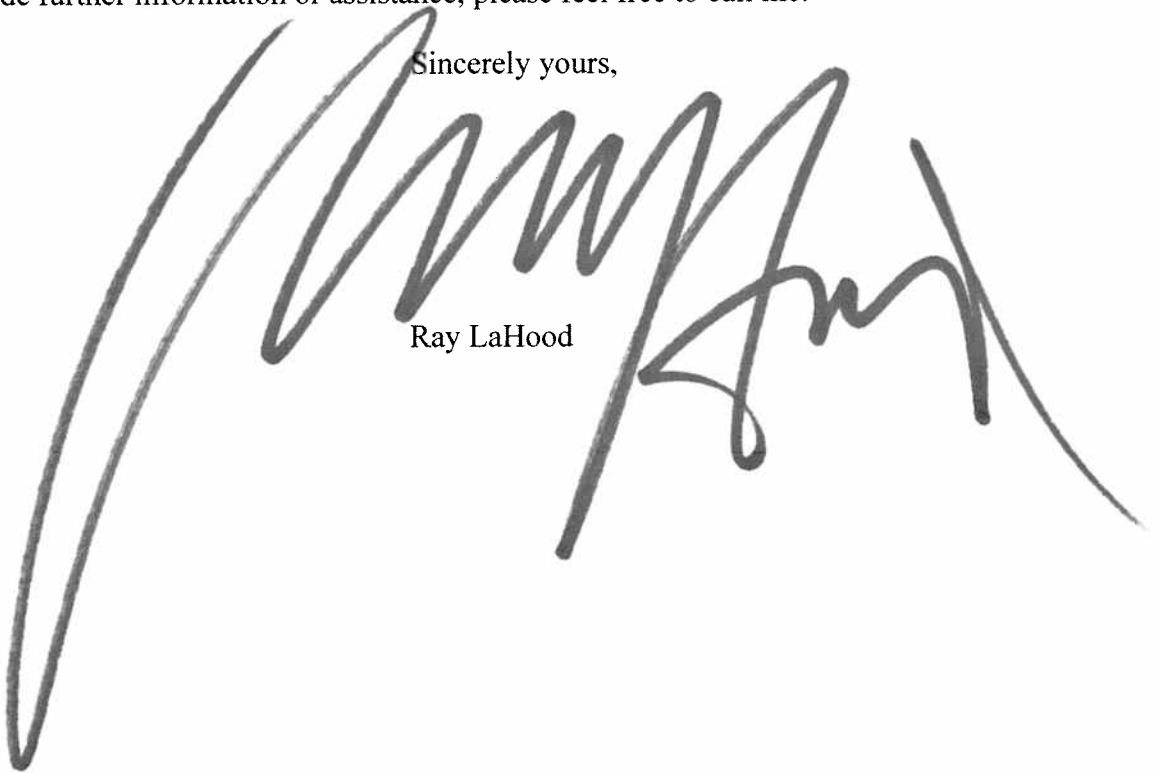
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