



U.S. Department
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**Federal Motor Carrier
Safety Administration**

Administrator

1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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April 1, 2011

The Honorable Daniel K. Inouye
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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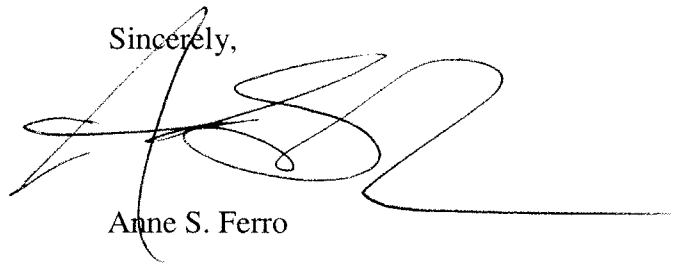
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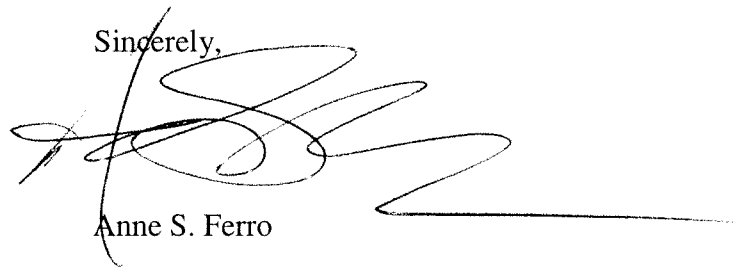
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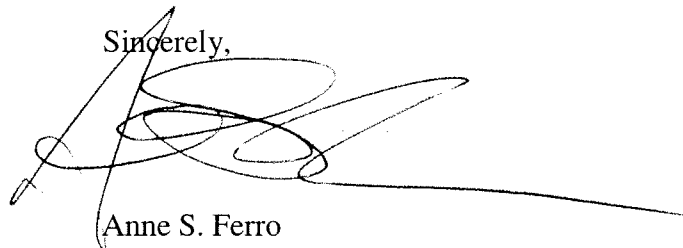
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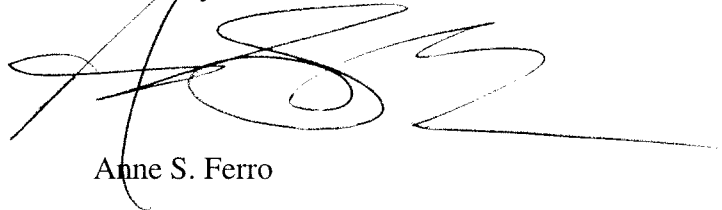
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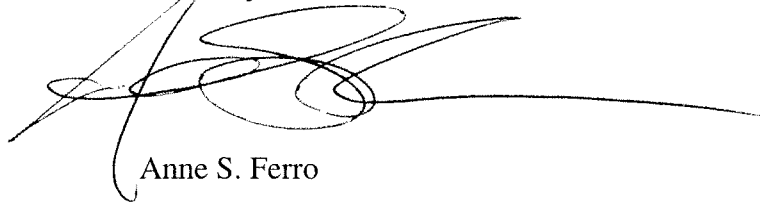
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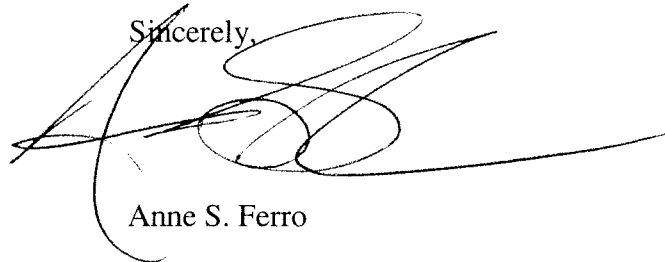
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