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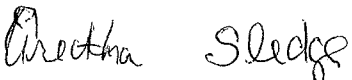
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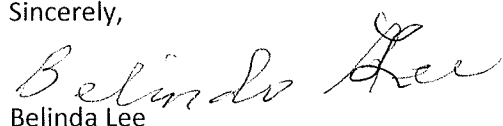
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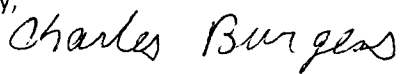
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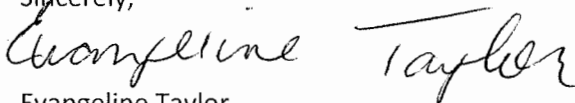
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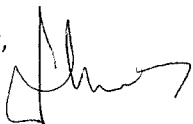
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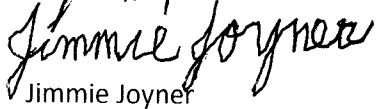
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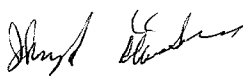
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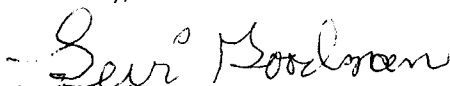
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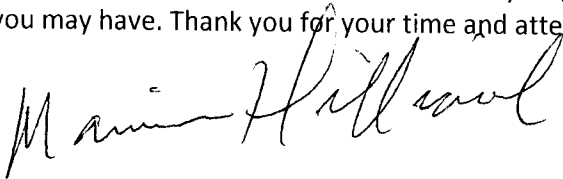
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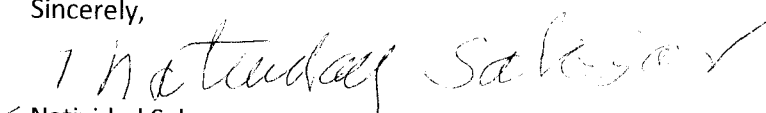
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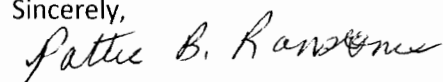
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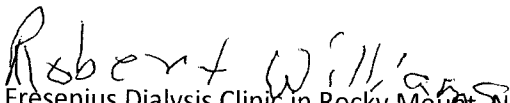
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Dialysis Patient at Davita Dialysis Clinic in Wilson, Wilson County, NC

August 1, 2023

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August 3, 2023

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Sandra Lucas



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July 26, 2023

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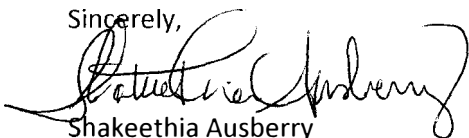
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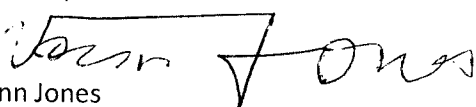
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