

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

March 3, 2009

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With North Carolina's unemployment rate already approaching 9%, we are very concerned that the loss of 3200 additional jobs will add further distress to our economy in addition to the devastation it will cause to laid-off employees and their families. We urge you to consider any alternatives that may prevent or reduce this substantial job loss and look forward to your early response to this inquiry.

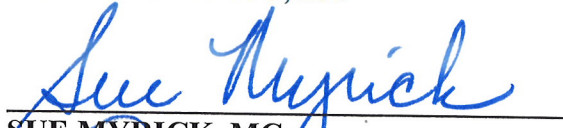
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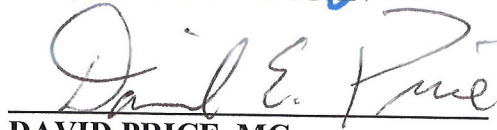
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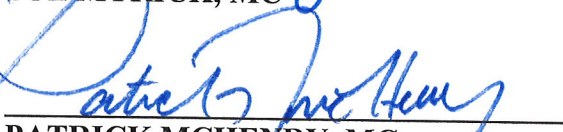
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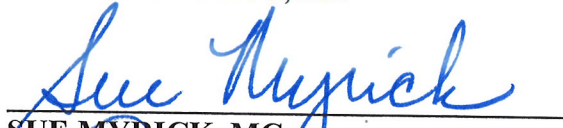
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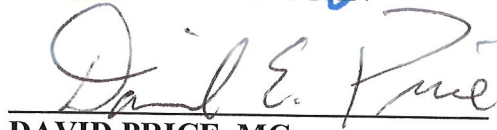
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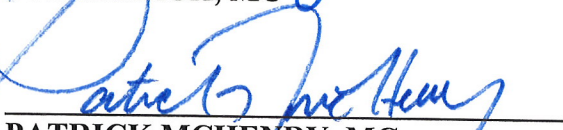
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