

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Inge G. Thulin  
Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer  
3M  
3M Center  
St. Paul, MN 55144

Dear Mr. Thulin:

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Sincerely,



Elizabeth Warren  
U.S. Senator



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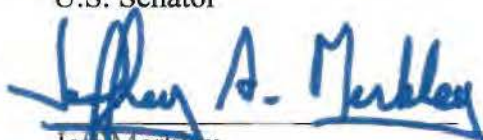
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Ajita G. Rajendra  
Chairman, President & CEO  
A.O. Smith Corporation  
P. O. Box 245008  
Milwaukee, WI 53224

Dear Ms. Rajendra:

We are writing regarding recent reports in the *New York Times* that “the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and its foreign affiliates have become the hammer for the tobacco industry, engaging in a worldwide effort to fight antismoking laws of all kinds.”<sup>1</sup> This follows on the heels of the Chamber’s relentless opposition to addressing climate change and its support of “dark money” in politics.

Although A.O. Smith Corporation holds a seat on the U.S. Chamber of Commerce’s (U.S. Chamber or “the chamber”) Board of Directors, “the principal governing and policymaking body of the U.S. Chamber ... [that] determines the U.S. Chamber’s policy positions on business issues and advise[s] the U.S. Chamber on appropriate strategies to pursue,”<sup>2</sup> the U.S. Chamber’s work on behalf of tobacco companies does not appear to serve the interests of American business in general or your company in particular. Earlier this week, CVS Health, resigned from the Chamber, noting the company’s “surprise” at the group’s pro-tobacco lobbying.<sup>3</sup>

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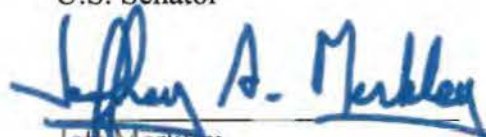
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Miles D. White  
Chief Executive Officer  
Abbott Laboratories  
100 Abbott Park Rd.  
Abbott Park, IL 60064

Dear Mr. White:

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Although Abbott Laboratories holds a seat on the U.S. Chamber of Commerce’s (U.S. Chamber or “the chamber”) Board of Directors, “the principal governing and policymaking body of the U.S. Chamber ... [that] determines the U.S. Chamber’s policy positions on business issues and advise[s] the U.S. Chamber on appropriate strategies to pursue,”<sup>2</sup> the U.S. Chamber’s work on behalf of tobacco companies does not appear to serve the interests of American business in general or your company in particular. Earlier this week, CVS Health, resigned from the Chamber, noting the company’s “surprise” at the group’s pro-tobacco lobbying.<sup>3</sup>

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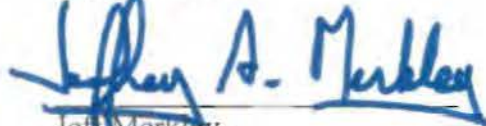
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July 8, 2015

John Venhuizen  
President & CEO  
Ace Hardware Corporation  
2200 Kensington Ct  
Oak Brook, IL 60523

Dear Mr. Venhuizen:

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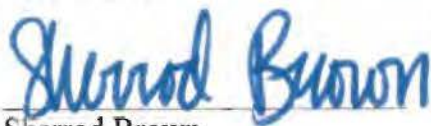
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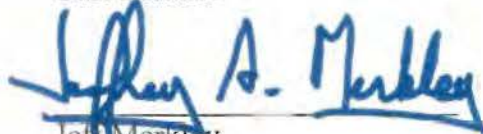
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Alexander R. Wynaendts  
CEO and Chairman  
AEGON N.V.  
P.O. Box 85,  
The Hague, Netherlands 0

Dear Mr. Wynaendts:

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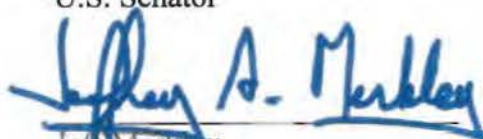
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

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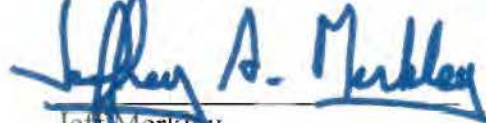
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# United States Senate

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President & CEO  
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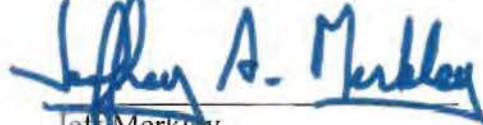
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# United States Senate

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July 8, 2015

Joseph W. Craft III  
President, Chief Executive Officer and Director  
Alliance Resource Partners, L.P.  
1717 South Boulder Ave., Suite 400  
Tulsa, OK 74119

Dear Mr. Craft:

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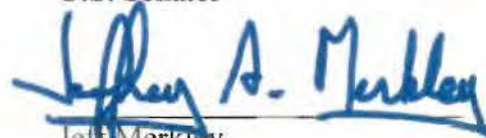
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Allstate Insurance Company  
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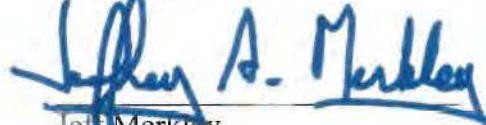
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July 8, 2015

Fred Kaiser  
Chairman & CEO  
Alpha Technologies, Inc.  
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Bellingham, WA 98226

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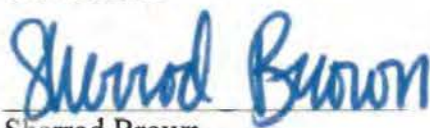
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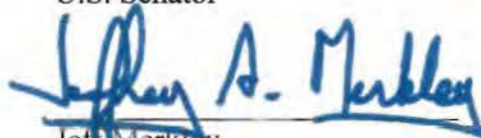
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July 8, 2015

Martin J. Barrington  
Chairman, President & CEO  
Altria Client Services  
6601 W Broad St  
Richmond, VA 23230

Dear Mr. Barrington:

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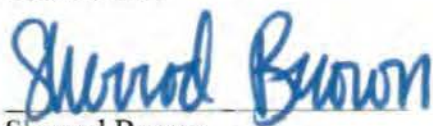
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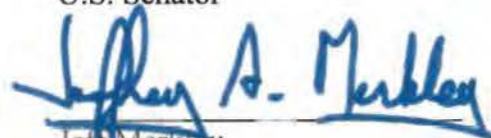
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# United States Senate

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July 8, 2015

Scott Gutz  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Amadeus North America  
3470 NW 82nd Ave., Suite 1000  
Miami, FL 33122

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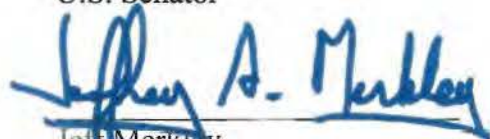
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July 8, 2015

Michael J. Graff  
President & CEO  
American Air Liquide Holdings, Inc.  
11426 Fairmont St.  
Houston, TX 77035

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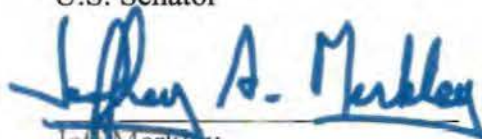
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July 8, 2015

Daniel F. Packer  
President & CEO  
American Ethane, LLC  
365 Canal Street, Suite 2650  
New Orleans, LA 70130

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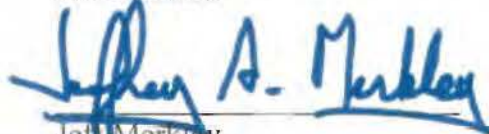
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Steve Van Andel  
Chairman  
Amway  
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Ada, MI 49355

Dear Mr. Van Andel:

We are writing regarding recent reports in the *New York Times* that “the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and its foreign affiliates have become the hammer for the tobacco industry, engaging in a worldwide effort to fight antismoking laws of all kinds.”<sup>1</sup> This follows on the heels of the Chamber’s relentless opposition to addressing climate change and its support of “dark money” in politics.

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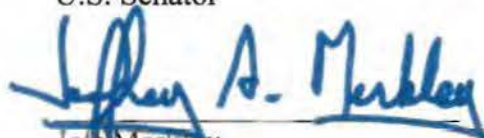
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Joseph R. Swedish  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Anthem, Inc.  
120 Monument Circle  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Mr. Swedish:

We are writing regarding recent reports in the *New York Times* that “the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and its foreign affiliates have become the hammer for the tobacco industry, engaging in a worldwide effort to fight antismoking laws of all kinds.”<sup>1</sup> This follows on the heels of the Chamber’s relentless opposition to addressing climate change and its support of “dark money” in politics.

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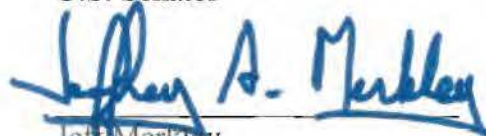
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Russell Becker  
CEO and President  
APi Group, Inc.  
1100 Old Highway 8 NW  
New Brighton, MN 55112

Dear Mr. Becker:

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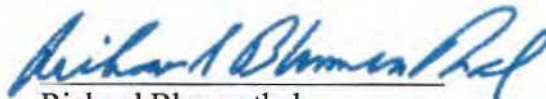
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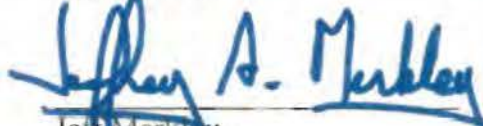
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Mark E. Watson III  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Argo Group International Holdings Ltd.  
P.O. Box 469011  
San Antonio, TX 78246

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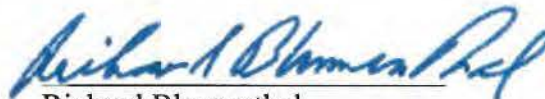
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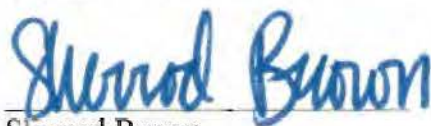
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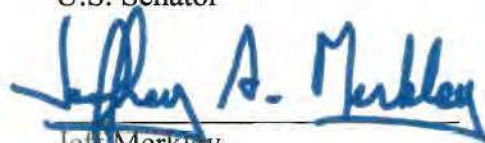
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Charles Copeland  
President  
Associates International, Inc.  
100 Rogers Road  
Wilmington, DE 19801

Dear Mr. Copeland:

We are writing regarding recent reports in the *New York Times* that “the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and its foreign affiliates have become the hammer for the tobacco industry, engaging in a worldwide effort to fight antismoking laws of all kinds.”<sup>1</sup> This follows on the heels of the Chamber’s relentless opposition to addressing climate change and its support of “dark money” in politics.

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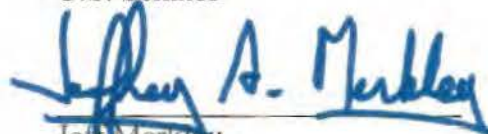
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July 8, 2015

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AT&T, Inc.  
1900 Gallows Rd  
Vienna, VA 22182

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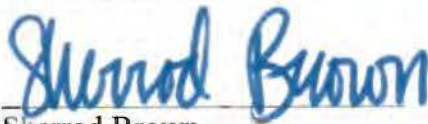
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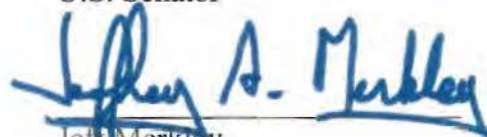
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Frederick Kempe  
President & CEO  
Atlantic Council  
1030 15th Street, NW, 12th Floor  
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Kempe:

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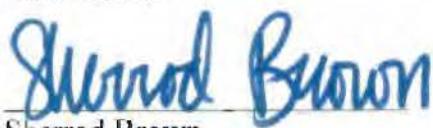
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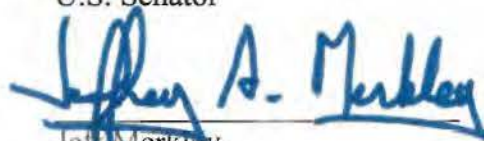
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Scott L. Holman, Sr.  
Chairman Emeritus  
The Bay Cast Companies  
2611 Center Ave  
Bay City, MI 48708

Dear Mr. Holman:

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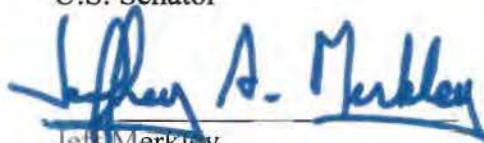
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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John F. Biagas  
President & CEO  
Bay Electric Co., Inc.  
627 36th Street  
Newport News, VA 23607

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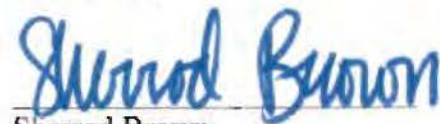
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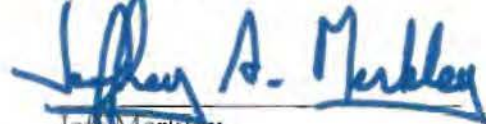
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

David Emery  
Chairman, President & CEO  
Black Hills Corporation  
625 Ninth Street  
Rapid City, SD 57701

Dear Mr. Emery:

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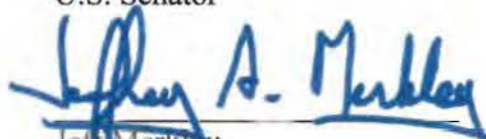
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Karen Olson Beenken  
Executive Vice President  
Blue Rock Companies  
501 9th Ave. NE P.O. Box 1705  
Sidney, MT 59270

Dear Ms. Beenken:

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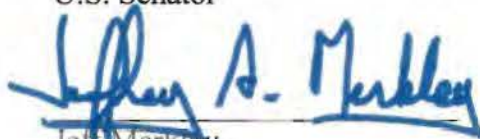
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

William Downe  
CEO  
BMO Financial Group  
111 W Monroe St.  
Chicago, IL 60603

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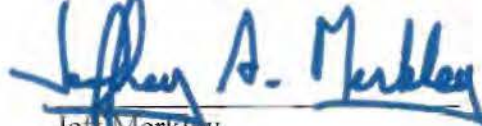
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Carl R. Ice  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
BNSF Railway Company  
2650 Lou Menk Drive  
Fort Worth, TX 76131

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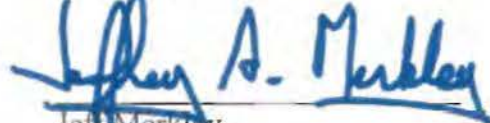
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WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Mark P. Frissora  
President & CEO  
Caesars Entertainment Corporation  
1 Caesars Palace Drive  
Las Vegas, NV 89109

Dear Mr. Frissora:

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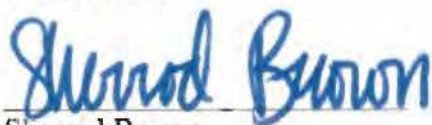
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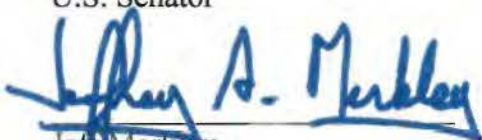
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Doug Oberhelman  
Chairman & CEO  
Caterpillar Inc.  
501 Southwest Jefferson Ave.  
Peoria, IL 61630

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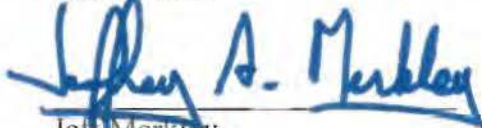
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Robert J. Hugin  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer  
Celgene Corporation  
86 Morris Avenue  
Summit, NJ 7901

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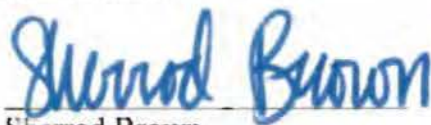
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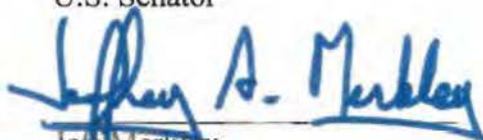
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Kim T. Rumph  
President  
CHEP North America  
1111 Hammond Drive  
Atlanta, GA 30346

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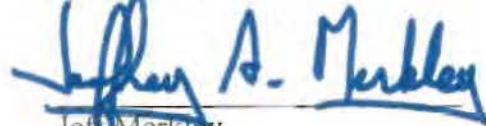
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Robert O. Agbede  
President and CEO  
Chester Group  
1555 Coraopolis Heights Rd.  
Moon Township, PA 15108

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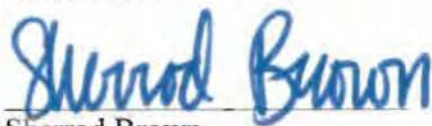
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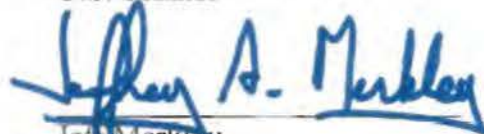
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Kenneth Griffin  
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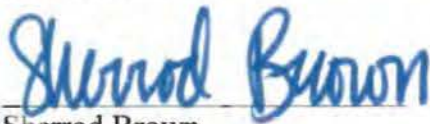
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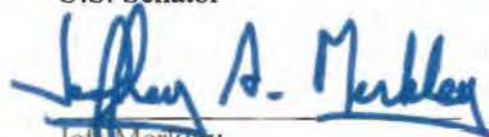
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Tchad Robinson  
Managing Partner  
Clark Robinson Capital  
1025 Connecticut Avenue, NW Suite 1012  
Washington, DC 20036

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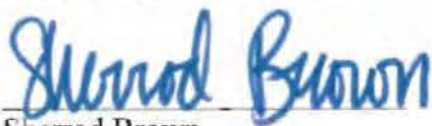
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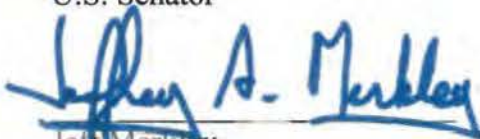
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# United States Senate

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July 8, 2015

Richard J. Tobin  
Chairman and CEO  
CNH Industrial  
6900 Veterans Blvd.  
Burr Ridge, IL 60527

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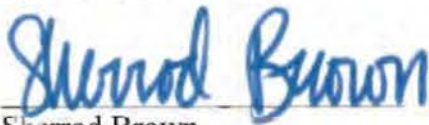
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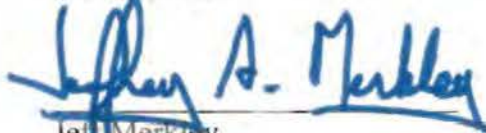
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# United States Senate

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Chief Executive Officer  
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450 S Orange Ave  
Orlando, FL 32801

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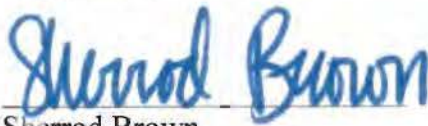
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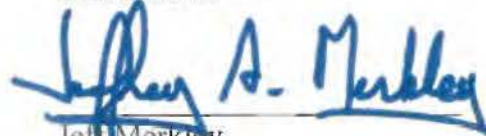
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Philip D. Kennedy  
President & CEO  
Comanche Lumber Company, Inc.  
2 SW C Avenue  
Lawton, OK 73501

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

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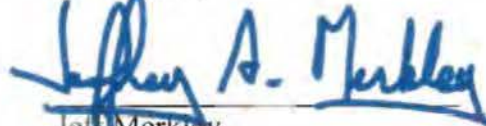
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Ryan M. Lance  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer  
ConocoPhillips  
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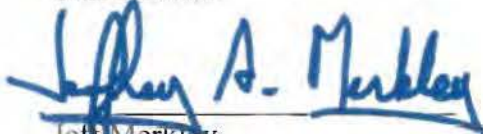
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July 8, 2015

Nicholas J. Deluigi  
President and CEO  
CONSOL Energy, Inc.  
1000 Consol Energy Drive  
Canonsburg, PA 15317

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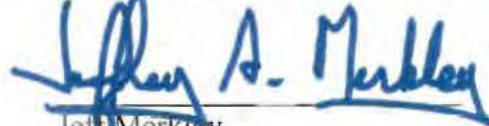
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Robert Trunzo  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
CUNA Mutual Group  
5910 Mineral Point Road  
Madison, WI 53705

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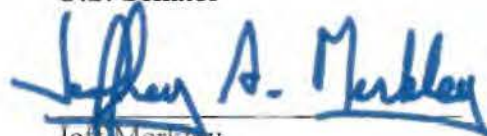
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Randy Quarles  
Managing Director  
Cynosure Investments LLC  
First Security Building 79 South Main Street, 3rd Floor  
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

Dear Mr. Quarles:

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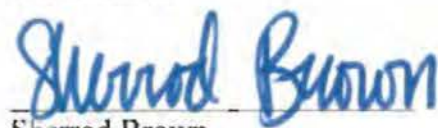
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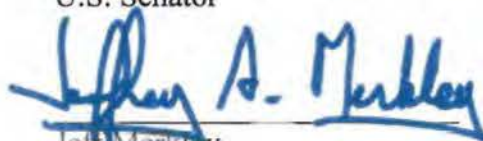
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Chuck Brymer  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
DDB Worldwide Communications Group, Inc.  
437 Madison Avenue  
NY, NY 10022

Dear Mr. Brymer:

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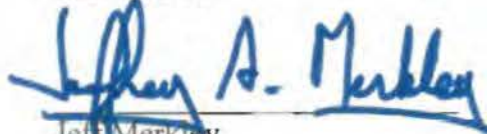
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Samuel R. Allen  
CEO  
Deere & Company  
1 John Deere Place  
Moline, IL 61265

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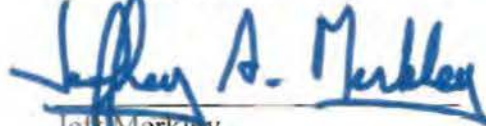
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Barry Salzberg  
CEO  
Deloitte LLP  
1001 G St. NW  
Washington, DC 20001

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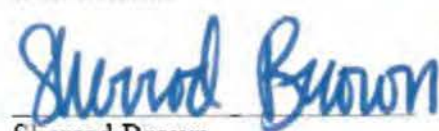
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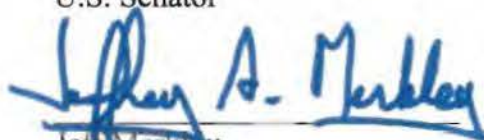
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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DHL  
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Plantation, FL 33324

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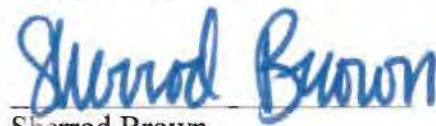
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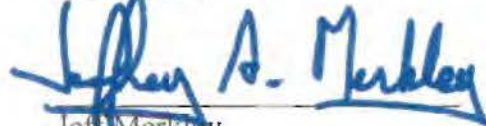
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Maura W. Donahue  
President  
DonahueFavret Contractors Holding Company  
3030 East Causeway Approach  
Mandeville, LA 70448

Dear Ms. Donahue:

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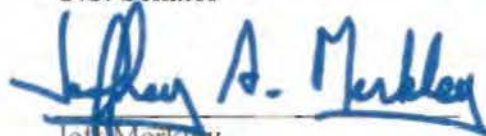
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Andrew N. Liveris  
President, Chairman & CEO  
The Dow Chemical Company  
2030 Dow Center  
Midland, MI 48674

Dear Mr. Liveris:

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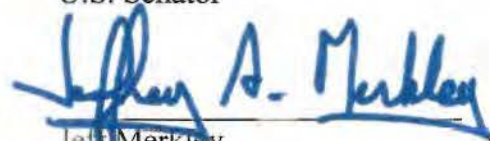
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

John B. Henry  
Chairman and CEO  
DryStone Capital LLC  
Stone Hill  
Flint Hill, VA 22627

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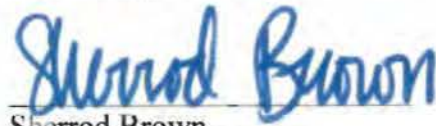
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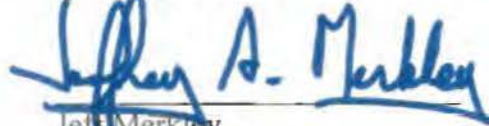
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Ernest Green Jr.  
President & CEO  
E&E Enterprises Global, Inc.  
101 Research Dr.  
Hampton, VA 23666

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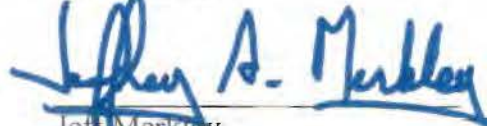
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

James D. Weddle  
Managing Partner  
Edward Jones  
12555 Manchester Road  
Saint Louis, MO 63131

Dear Mr. Weddle:

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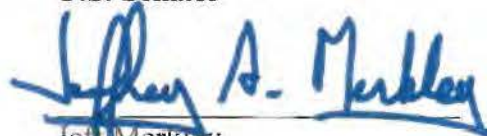
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Daniel J. Abdun-Nabi  
President & CEO  
Emergent BioSolutions Inc.  
400 Professional Dr, Suite 400  
Gaithersburg, MD 20879

Dear Mr. Abdun-Nabi:

We are writing regarding recent reports in the *New York Times* that “the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and its foreign affiliates have become the hammer for the tobacco industry, engaging in a worldwide effort to fight antismoking laws of all kinds.”<sup>1</sup> This follows on the heels of the Chamber’s relentless opposition to addressing climate change and its support of “dark money” in politics.

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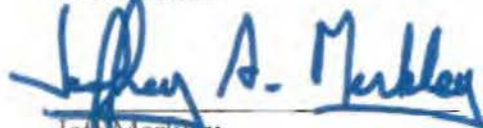
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

David N. Farr  
Chairman & CEO  
Emerson Electric Co.  
8000 West Florissant Avenue, P.O. Box 4100  
St. Louis, MO 63136

Dear Mr. Farr:

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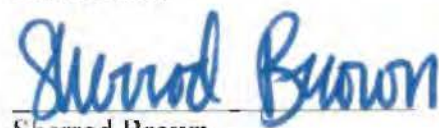
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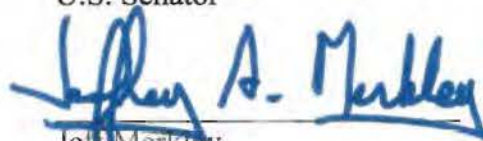
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Michael L. Ducker  
President & CEO  
FedEx Freight  
942 South Shady Grove Rd.  
Memphis, TN 38120

Dear Mr. Ducker:

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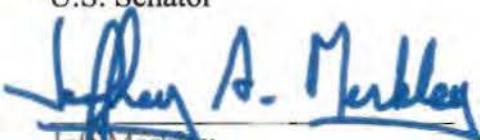
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Eric Silagy  
President and CEO  
Florida Power & Light Company  
11760 U.S. 1  
North Palm Beach, FL 33408

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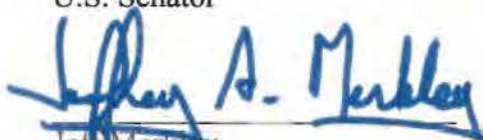
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

David T. Seaton  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer  
Fluor Corporation  
6700 Las Colinas Blvd  
Irving, TX 75039

Dear Mr. Seaton:

We are writing regarding recent reports in the *New York Times* that “the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and its foreign affiliates have become the hammer for the tobacco industry, engaging in a worldwide effort to fight antismoking laws of all kinds.”<sup>1</sup> This follows on the heels of the Chamber’s relentless opposition to addressing climate change and its support of “dark money” in politics.

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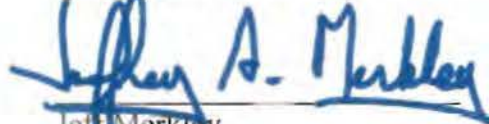
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Mark Fields  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
FORD Motor Company  
P.O. Box 685  
Dearborn, MI 48126

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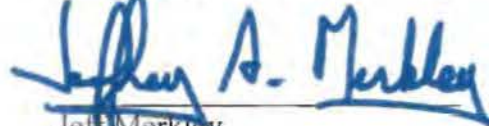
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Brian O'Hara  
Chairman  
Front Street Advisors Ltd.  
Bermuda

Dear Mr. O'Hara:

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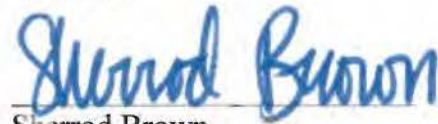
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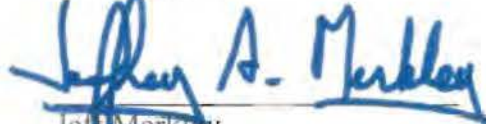
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Chad Christy  
President & Owner  
Great Western Lodging  
322 N. Main Street P.O. Box: 3355  
Breckenridge, CO 80424

Dear Mr. Christy:

We are writing regarding recent reports in the *New York Times* that “the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and its foreign affiliates have become the hammer for the tobacco industry, engaging in a worldwide effort to fight antismoking laws of all kinds.”<sup>1</sup> This follows on the heels of the Chamber’s relentless opposition to addressing climate change and its support of “dark money” in politics.

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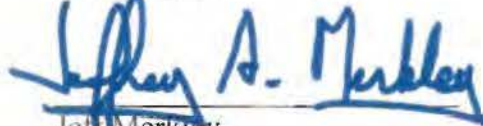
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Harold Turner, Jr.  
President and CEO  
The H.L. Turner Group Inc.  
27 Locke Rd  
Concord, NH 3301

Dear Mr. Turner:

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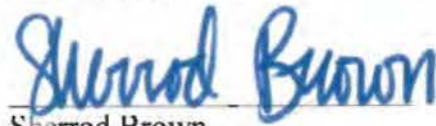
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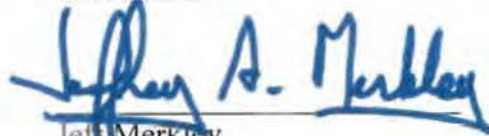
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July 8, 2015

Patricia A. Hemingway Hall  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Health Care Service Corporation  
300 E. Randolph St.  
Chicago, IL 60601

Dear Ms. Hemingway Hall:

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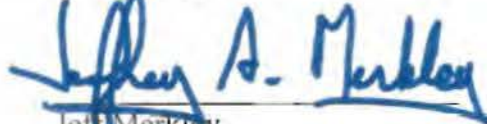
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Ginni Rometty  
Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer  
IBM  
1 New Orchard Road  
Armonk, NY 10504

Dear Ms. Rometty:

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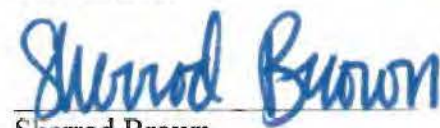
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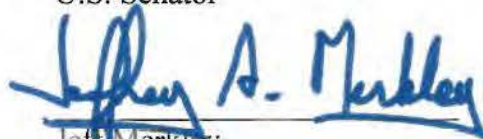
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Daniel F. Evans, Jr.  
President & CEO  
Indiana University Health  
550 N. University Blvd.  
Indianapolis, IN 46202

Dear Mr. Evans:

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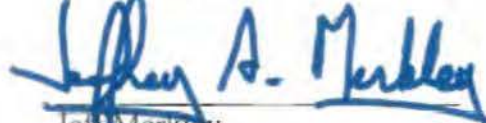
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July 8, 2015

William A. Franke  
Co-Founder and Managing Partner  
Indigo Partners LLC  
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Phoenix, AZ 85016

Dear Mr. Franke:

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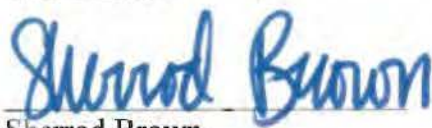
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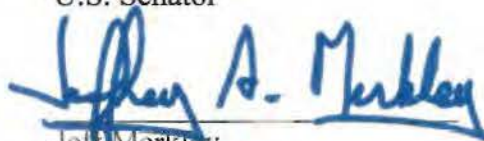
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Edward Wanandi  
Chairman  
International Merchants, LLC  
100 Tri State Intl Ste 280  
Lincolnshire, IL 60069

Dear Mr. Wanandi:

We are writing regarding recent reports in the *New York Times* that “the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and its foreign affiliates have become the hammer for the tobacco industry, engaging in a worldwide effort to fight antismoking laws of all kinds.”<sup>1</sup> This follows on the heels of the Chamber’s relentless opposition to addressing climate change and its support of “dark money” in politics.

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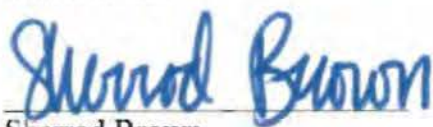
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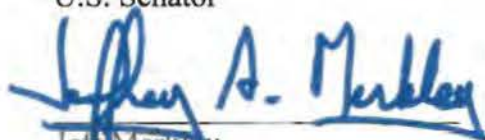
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Tom Wyatt  
Chief Executive Officer  
Knowledge Universe  
650 NE Holladay St.  
Portland, OR 7232

Dear Mr. Wyatt:

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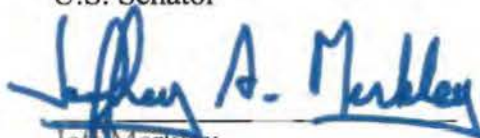
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Suzanne Sitherwood  
President and CEO  
The Laclede Group  
720 Olive St  
St. Louis, MO 63101

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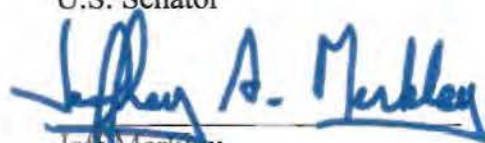
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Sheldon G. Adelson  
Chairman and CEO  
Las Vegas Sands Corporation  
3355 South Las Vegas Blvd.  
Las Vegas, NV 89109

Dear Mr. Adelson:

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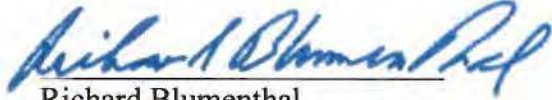


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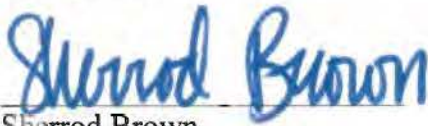
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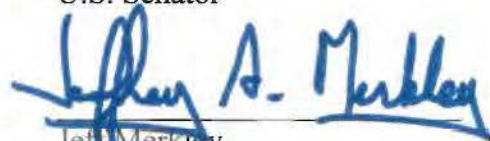
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# United States Senate

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July 8, 2015

Mark French  
President & CEO  
Leading Authorities, Inc.  
1990 M Street, NW, Suite 800  
Washington, DC 20036

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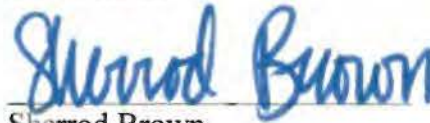
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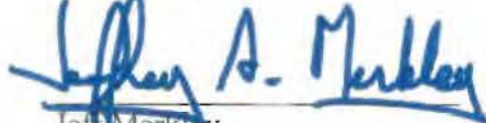
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Edward L. Auslander  
President & CEO  
LORD Corporation  
111 Lord Drive  
Cary, NC 27511

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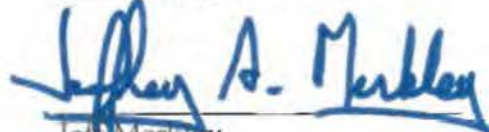
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Leroy Walker, Jr.  
President and CEO  
LTM Enterprises  
P.O. Box 9445  
Jackson, MS 39286

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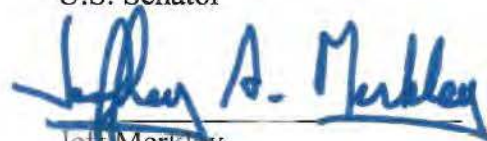
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Mick Truitt  
Vice President of Sales  
Ludlum Measurements, Inc  
501 Oak Street POB 810  
Sweetwater, TX 79556

Dear Mr. Truitt:

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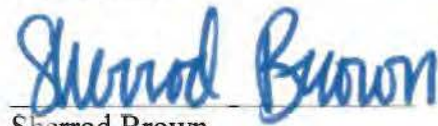
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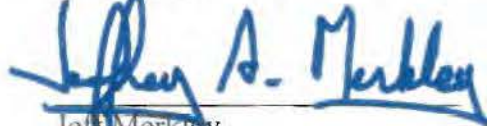
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Frank L. VanderSloot  
Chief Executive Officer  
Malaleuca, Inc.  
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Idaho Falls, ID 83402

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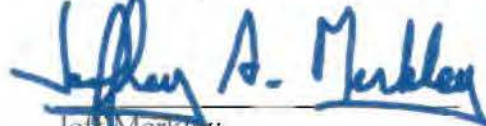
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Thomas D. Bell, Jr.  
Chairman  
Mesa Capital Partners, LLC  
3399 Peachtree Road, NE Suite 1010  
Atlanta, GA 30326

Dear Mr. Bell:

We are writing regarding recent reports in the *New York Times* that “the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and its foreign affiliates have become the hammer for the tobacco industry, engaging in a worldwide effort to fight antismoking laws of all kinds.”<sup>1</sup> This follows on the heels of the Chamber’s relentless opposition to addressing climate change and its support of “dark money” in politics.

Although Mesa Capital Partners, LLC holds a seat on the U.S. Chamber of Commerce’s (U.S. Chamber or “the chamber”) Board of Directors, “the principal governing and policymaking body of the U.S. Chamber ... [that] determines the U.S. Chamber’s policy positions on business issues and advise[s] the U.S. Chamber on appropriate strategies to pursue,”<sup>2</sup> the U.S. Chamber’s work on behalf of tobacco companies does not appear to serve the interests of American business in general or your company in particular. Earlier this week, CVS Health, resigned from the Chamber, noting the company’s “surprise” at the group’s pro-tobacco lobbying.<sup>3</sup>

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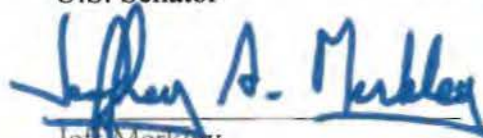
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Norman C. Chambers  
Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer  
NCI Building Systems, Inc.  
10943 North Sam Houston Parkway West  
Houston, TX 77064

Dear Mr. Chambers:

We are writing regarding recent reports in the *New York Times* that “the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and its foreign affiliates have become the hammer for the tobacco industry, engaging in a worldwide effort to fight antismoking laws of all kinds.”<sup>1</sup> This follows on the heels of the Chamber’s relentless opposition to addressing climate change and its support of “dark money” in politics.

Although NCI Building Systems, Inc. holds a seat on the U.S. Chamber of Commerce’s (U.S. Chamber or “the chamber”) Board of Directors, “the principal governing and policymaking body of the U.S. Chamber ... [that] determines the U.S. Chamber’s policy positions on business issues and advise[s] the U.S. Chamber on appropriate strategies to pursue,”<sup>2</sup> the U.S. Chamber’s work on behalf of tobacco companies does not appear to serve the interests of American business in general or your company in particular. Earlier this week, CVS Health, resigned from the Chamber, noting the company’s “surprise” at the group’s pro-tobacco lobbying.<sup>3</sup>

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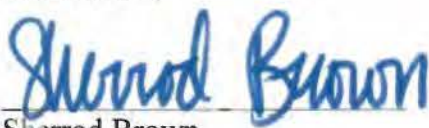
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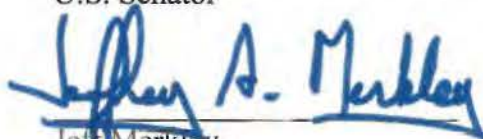
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

James A. Squires  
President & CEO  
Norfolk Southern Corporation  
3 Commercial Place  
Norfolk, VA 23510

Dear Mr. Squires:

We are writing regarding recent reports in the *New York Times* that “the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and its foreign affiliates have become the hammer for the tobacco industry, engaging in a worldwide effort to fight antismoking laws of all kinds.”<sup>1</sup> This follows on the heels of the Chamber’s relentless opposition to addressing climate change and its support of “dark money” in politics.

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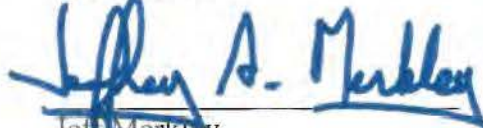
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July 8, 2015

John L. Hopkins  
Chairman & CEO  
Nuscale Power LLC  
11333 Woodglen Dr # 205  
Rockville, MD 20852

Dear Mr. Hopkins:

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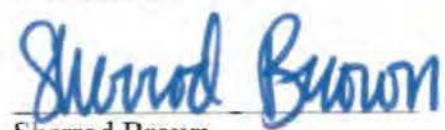
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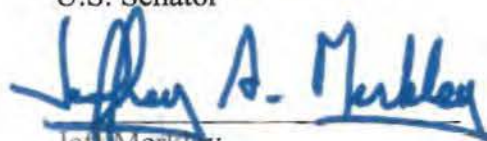
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Patrick Finken  
President  
Odney  
117 West Front Ave. PO Box 2035  
Bismarck, ND 58504

Dear Mr. Finken:

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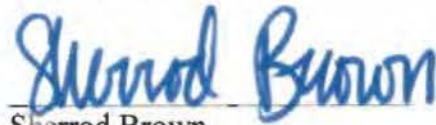
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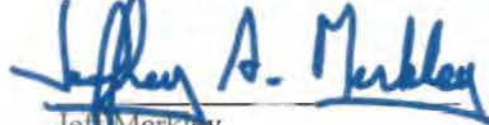
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July 8, 2015

Dayton H. Molendorp  
Chairman  
OneAmerica Financial Partners, Inc.  
One American Square P.O. Box 368  
Indianapolis, IN 46206

Dear Mr. Molendorp:

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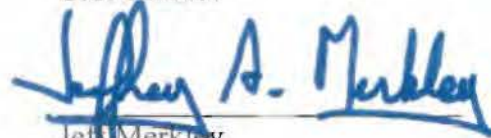
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Darlene M. Miller  
President & CEO  
PERMAC Industries  
14401 Ewing Avenue South  
Burnsville, MN 55306

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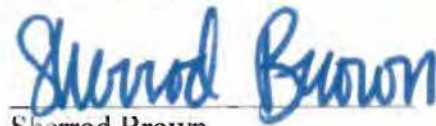
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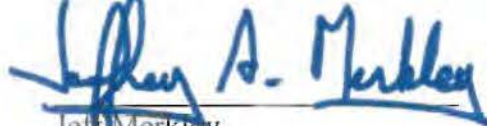
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Ian C. Read  
Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer  
Pfizer, Inc.  
235 East 42nd Street  
NY, NY 10017

Dear Mr. Read:

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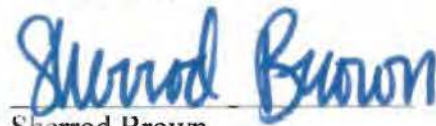
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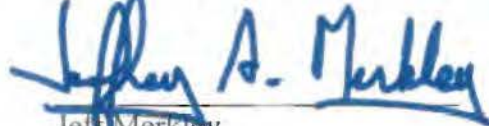
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# United States Senate

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July 8, 2015

Boland T. Jones  
Founder, Chairman & CEO  
PGi  
3280 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1000  
Atlanta, GA 30305

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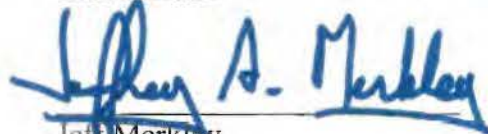
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Greg C. Garland  
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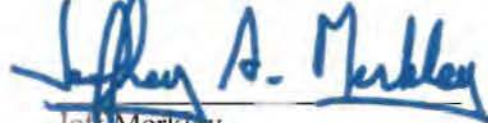
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Manuel Perez de la Mesa  
President and CEO  
Pool Corporation  
109 Northpark Boulevard  
Covington, LA 70433

Dear Mr. de la Mesa:

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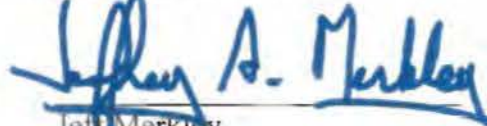
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

William G. Little  
President & CEO  
Quam-Nichols Company  
234 East Marquette Road  
Chicago, IL 60637

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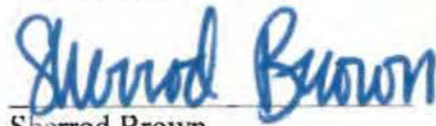
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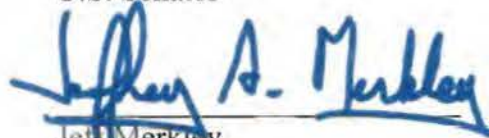
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# United States Senate

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Chairman  
Ruan Transportation Management Systems  
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Des Moines, IA 50309

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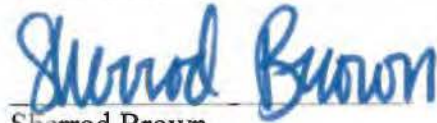
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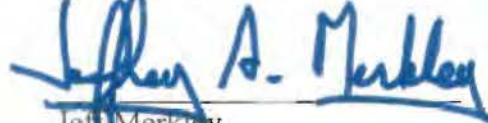
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Robert E. Sanchez  
Chairman & CEO  
Ryder System, Inc.  
11690 NW 105th Street  
Miami, FL 33178

Dear Mr. Sanchez:

We are writing regarding recent reports in the *New York Times* that “the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and its foreign affiliates have become the hammer for the tobacco industry, engaging in a worldwide effort to fight antismoking laws of all kinds.”<sup>1</sup> This follows on the heels of the Chamber’s relentless opposition to addressing climate change and its support of “dark money” in politics.

Although Ryder System, Inc. holds a seat on the U.S. Chamber of Commerce’s (U.S. Chamber or “the chamber”) Board of Directors, “the principal governing and policymaking body of the U.S. Chamber ... [that] determines the U.S. Chamber’s policy positions on business issues and advise[s] the U.S. Chamber on appropriate strategies to pursue,”<sup>2</sup> the U.S. Chamber’s work on behalf of tobacco companies does not appear to serve the interests of American business in general or your company in particular. Earlier this week, CVS Health, resigned from the Chamber, noting the company’s “surprise” at the group’s pro-tobacco lobbying.<sup>3</sup>

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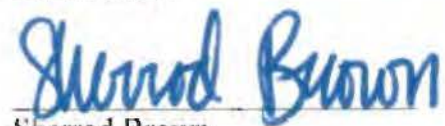
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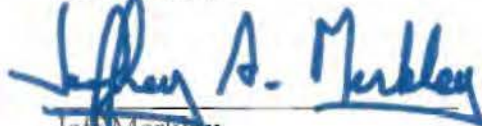
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Lane Beattie  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Salt Lake Chamber  
175 E. University Blvd. (400 S)  
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

Dear Mr. Beattie:

We are writing regarding recent reports in the *New York Times* that “the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and its foreign affiliates have become the hammer for the tobacco industry, engaging in a worldwide effort to fight antismoking laws of all kinds.”<sup>1</sup> This follows on the heels of the Chamber’s relentless opposition to addressing climate change and its support of “dark money” in politics.

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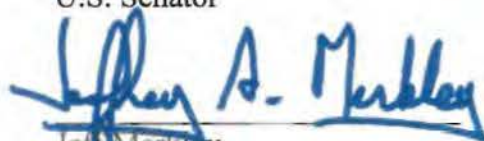
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Gregory Irace  
President & CEO  
Sanofi US Services Inc.  
55 Corporate Drive  
Bridgewater, NJ 8807

Dear Mr. Irace:

We are writing regarding recent reports in the *New York Times* that “the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and its foreign affiliates have become the hammer for the tobacco industry, engaging in a worldwide effort to fight antismoking laws of all kinds.”<sup>1</sup> This follows on the heels of the Chamber’s relentless opposition to addressing climate change and its support of “dark money” in politics.

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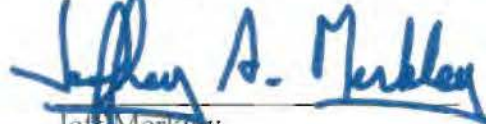
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Christopher B. Lofgren  
President & CEO  
Schneider National, Inc.  
3101 S. Packerland Dr  
Green Bay, WI 54313

Dear Mr. Lofgren:

We are writing regarding recent reports in the *New York Times* that “the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and its foreign affiliates have become the hammer for the tobacco industry, engaging in a worldwide effort to fight antismoking laws of all kinds.”<sup>1</sup> This follows on the heels of the Chamber’s relentless opposition to addressing climate change and its support of “dark money” in politics.

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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Tamara L. Lundgren  
President & CEO  
Schnitzer Steel Industries  
11 Times Square, Suite 10B  
New York, NY 10036

Dear Ms. Lundgren:

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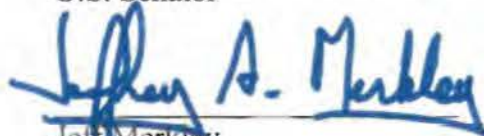
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# United States Senate

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July 8, 2015

Tony Bos  
President  
Select Milk Producers  
320 West Hermosa drive  
Aretesia, NM 88210

Dear Mr. Bos:

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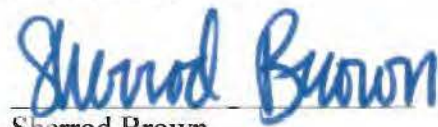
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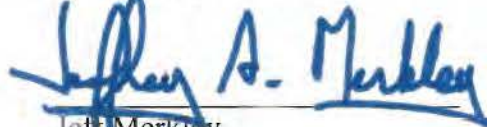
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Debra L. Reed  
Chairman and CEO  
Sempra Energy  
101 Ash St.  
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Ms. Reed:

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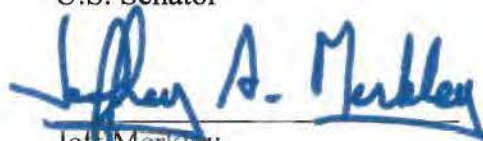
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Anthony J. Allott  
President & CEO  
Silgan Holdings Inc.  
4 Landmark Square Suite 400  
Stamford, CT 6901

Dear Mr. Allott:

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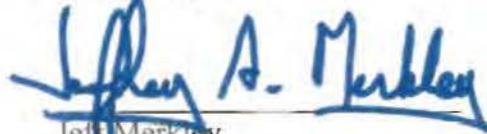
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Thomas A. Fanning  
President and CEO  
Southern Company  
30 Ivan Allen Jr. Blvd. NW  
Atlanta, GA 30308

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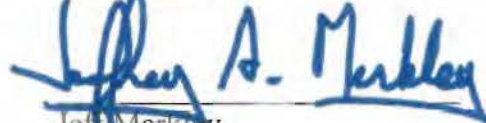
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WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Bill Slaughter, Ph.D.  
Founder and President  
SSA Consultants  
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Baton Rouge, LA 70810

Dear Dr. Slaughter:

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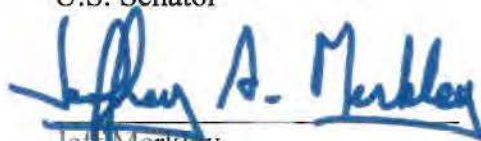
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Edward B. Rust Jr.  
Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer  
State Farm Mutual  
P.O. Box 219548  
Kansas City, MO 64121

Dear Mr. Rust:

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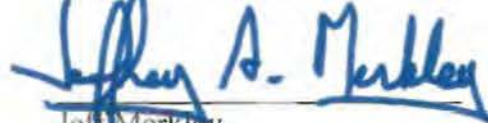
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Susan Brewer  
Chief Executive Officer  
Steptoe & Johnson PLLC  
400 White Oaks Blvd.  
Bridgeport, WV 26330

Dear Ms. Brewer:

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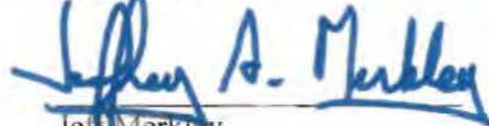
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Ralph de la Torre, MD  
Chairman and CEO  
Steward Health Care System LLC  
500 Boylston Street  
Boston, MA 2116

Dear Dr. de la Torre:

We are writing regarding recent reports in the *New York Times* that “the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and its foreign affiliates have become the hammer for the tobacco industry, engaging in a worldwide effort to fight antismoking laws of all kinds.”<sup>1</sup> This follows on the heels of the Chamber’s relentless opposition to addressing climate change and its support of “dark money” in politics.

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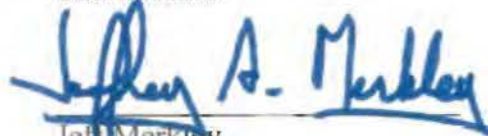
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Chris Winkle  
CEO  
Sunrise Senior Living  
7902 Westpark Drive  
McLean, VA 22102

Dear Mr. Winkle:

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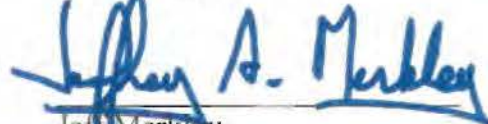
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Dr. Rajendra Singh  
President and CEO  
Telcom Ventures, L.L.C.  
211 North Union Street, Suite 300  
Alexandria, VA 22314

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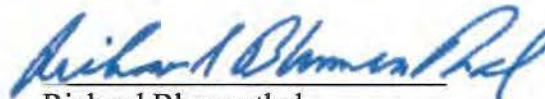
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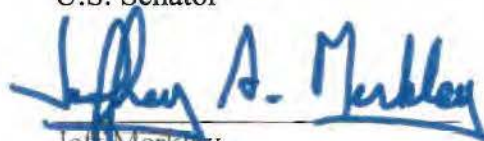
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Jay S. Fishman  
CEO  
Travelers Companies, Inc  
385 Washington St  
Saint Paul, MN 55102

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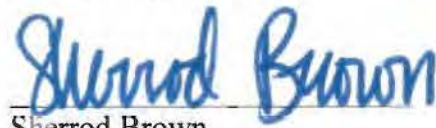
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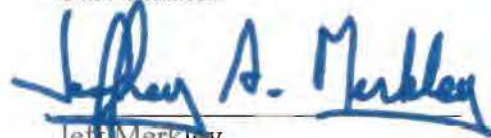
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Lance M. Fritz  
President & CEO  
Union Pacific Corporation  
1400 Douglas St.  
Omaha, NE 68179

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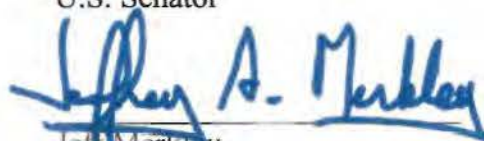
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# United States Senate

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July 8, 2015

David P. Abney  
Chief Executive Officer  
United Parcel Service  
55 Glenlake Parkway, NE  
Atlanta, GA 30328

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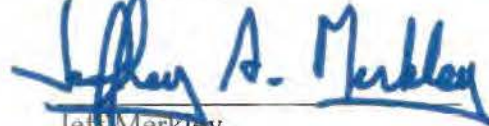
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Cynthia H. Milligan  
President  
Wood Stieper Capital group  
Lincoln, NE

Dear Ms. Milligan:

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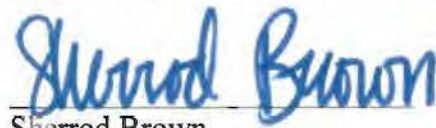
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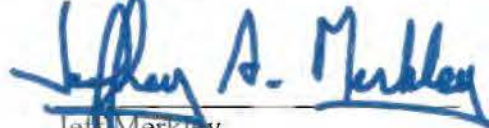
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Edgar L. Smith, Jr.  
CEO  
World Pac Paper, LLC  
1821 Summit Road  
Cincinnati, OH 45237

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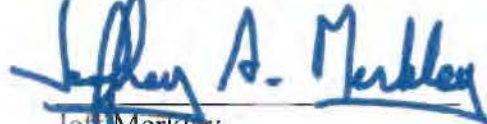
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Mark Ordan  
Executive Chairman  
WP Glimcher  
180 East Borad Street  
Columbus, OH 43215

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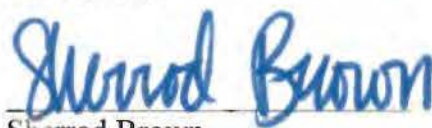
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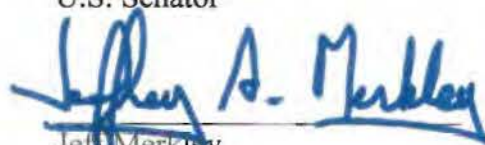
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

Ursula Burns  
Chairman & CEO  
Xerox Corporation  
45 Glover Avenue  
Norwalk, CT 6856

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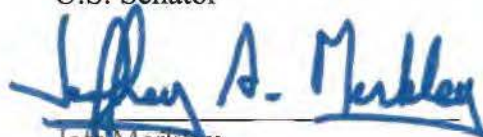
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 8, 2015

James E. Stephenson  
President, CEO, and Chairman  
Yancey Bros. Co.  
330 Lee Industrial Blvd.  
Austell, GA 30168

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Although Yancey Bros. Co. holds a seat on the U.S. Chamber of Commerce’s (U.S. Chamber or “the chamber”) Board of Directors, “the principal governing and policymaking body of the U.S. Chamber ... [that] determines the U.S. Chamber’s policy positions on business issues and advise[s] the U.S. Chamber on appropriate strategies to pursue,”<sup>2</sup> the U.S. Chamber’s work on behalf of tobacco companies does not appear to serve the interests of American business in general or your company in particular. Earlier this week, CVS Health, resigned from the Chamber, noting the company’s “surprise” at the group’s pro-tobacco lobbying.<sup>3</sup>

We are writing to you so we can fully understand the U.S. Chamber’s support for the tobacco industry, the decision-making process that resulted in this support, and the role of your company and other board members in this process.

The *Times* describes a number of extraordinary interventions by the U.S. Chamber or its international affiliates to curtail efforts to reduce tobacco use and eliminate abusive marketing practices. According to the *Times*,

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<sup>1</sup> New York Times, *U.S. Chamber of Commerce Works Globally to Fight Anti-Smoking Measures* (June 30, 2015) ([http://www.nytimes.com/2015/07/01/business/international/us-chamber-works-globally-to-fight-antismoking-measures.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2015/07/01/business/international/us-chamber-works-globally-to-fight-antismoking-measures.html?_r=0)).

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Chamber of Commerce, *Leadership: Board of Directors* (accesses July 1, 2015) (<https://www.uschamber.com/about-us/leadership>).

<sup>3</sup> New York Times, *CVS Health Quits U.S. Chamber Over Stance on Smoking* (July 7, 2015) ([http://www.nytimes.com/2015/07/08/business/cvs-health-quits-us-chamber-over-stance-on-smoking.html?emc=edit\\_tnt\\_20150707&nlid=68586528&intemail0=y](http://www.nytimes.com/2015/07/08/business/cvs-health-quits-us-chamber-over-stance-on-smoking.html?emc=edit_tnt_20150707&nlid=68586528&intemail0=y)).

[T]he chamber has ... undertak[en] a three-pronged strategy in its global campaign to advance the interests of the tobacco industry. In the capitals of far-flung nations, the chamber lobbies alongside its foreign affiliates to beat back antismoking laws. In trade forums, the chamber pits countries against one another. The Ukrainian prime minister, Arseniy Yatsenyuk, recently revealed that his country's case [seeking to weaken tobacco regulations in] Australia was prompted by a complaint from the U.S. Chamber. And in Washington, Thomas J. Donohue, the chief executive of the chamber, has personally taken part in lobbying to defend the ability of the tobacco industry to sue under future international treaties, notably the Trans-Pacific Partnership.

To single out one industry for such an extraordinary dedication of U.S. Chamber resources seems quite remarkable, but to choose to lobby for tobacco is even more difficult to understand. These lobbying activities in support of the leading cause of preventable death worldwide<sup>4</sup> run directly contrary to the stated interests of the Chamber's members, which have identified among their chief health-care concerns that "American patients are increasingly suffering from costly and often deadly chronic diseases that are many times preventable."<sup>5</sup>

Given this contradiction and the potential adverse public health consequences of the U.S. Chamber's pro-tobacco advocacy efforts, we want to provide members of the Board of Directors an opportunity to clarify where they stand on these activities. As such, we request a response from you within three weeks regarding the following questions.

- 1) What is your company's position regarding the efforts of the U.S. Chamber and its international affiliates to fight globally against anti-smoking laws, regulations, and other efforts or policies?
- 2) Did your company's representatives on the U.S. Chamber's Board of Directors receive information that describes this campaign and the activities of the U.S. Chamber and its international affiliates? If so, please describe the information and when it was received?
- 3) Did the U.S. Chamber have a process for your company's representative to provide approval for the pro-tobacco activities or provide an opportunity to express your company's views on these activities?

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<sup>4</sup> CDC, *Smoking & Tobacco Use* (accessed July 1, 2015)  
[http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/data\\_statistics/fact\\_sheets/fast\\_facts/](http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/data_statistics/fact_sheets/fast_facts/)

<sup>5</sup> U.S. Chamber of Commerce, *Health Care* (accesses July 1, 2015)  
(<https://www.uschamber.com/Health-Care?type=280>)

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Sincerely,



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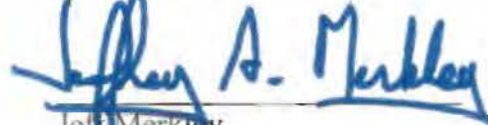
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