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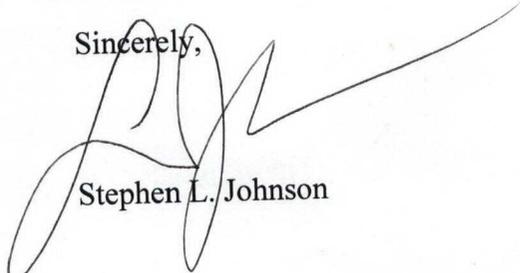
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Again, thank you for your continued assistance with this important program.

Sincerely,


Stephen L. Johnson

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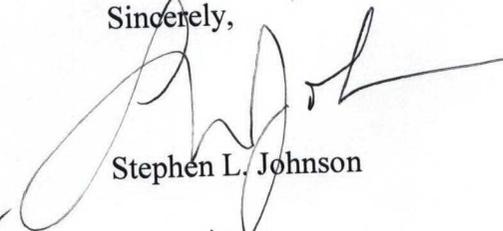
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