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Honorable Charles Schumer  
United States Senator  
780 Third Avenue, STE 2301  
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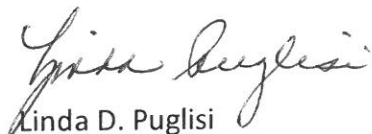
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222 Mamaroneck Avenue, #312  
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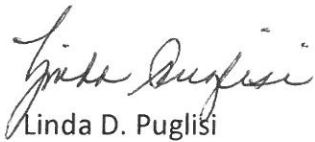
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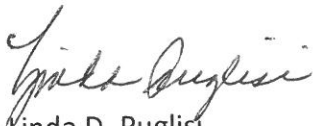
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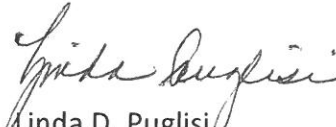
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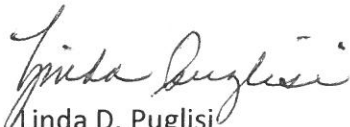
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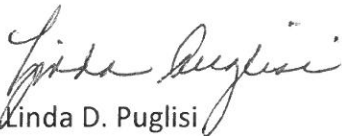
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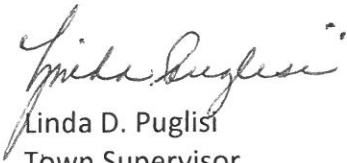
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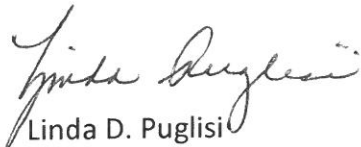
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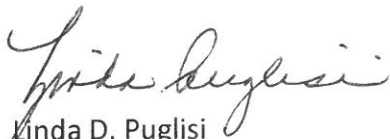
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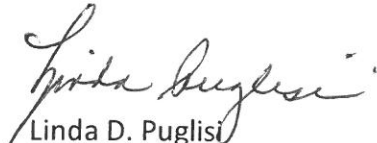
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