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Hearing: Ways and Means 2/3/2022

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House Bill 226: Public Schools-Self-Contained Special Education Classrooms-Use of Video Recording

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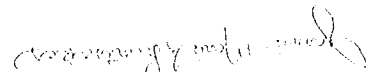
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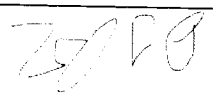
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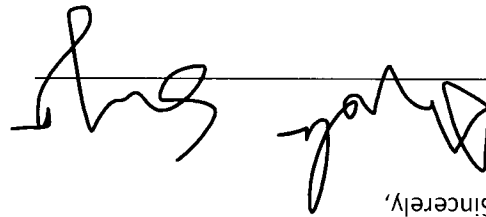
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