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512 Jamesville Avenue  
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    Michele Hamel, NYSDOH
September 17, 2019

Kenneth Patterson, Chief
Tuscarora Indian Nation
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