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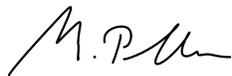
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Peters", written in a cursive style.

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