



March 15, 2023

Testimony in OPPOSITION to LD 607

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Thanks for the opportunity to comment,

James C. Tassé

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "James C. Tassé".

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