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Respectfully,

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Konstantin Novoselov

Physics Nobel Laureate, 2010

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Alexei A. Abrikosov

Physics Nobel Laureate, 2003

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John C. Mather

Physics Nobel Laureate, 2006

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Andre Geim

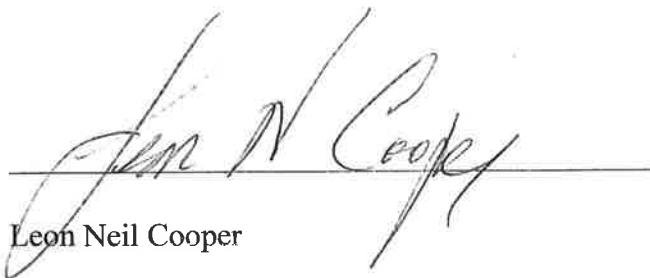
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Leon Neil Cooper

Physics Nobel Laureate, 1972

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Claude Cohen-Tannoudji

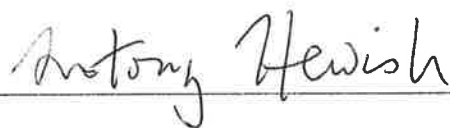
Physics Nobel Laureate, 1997

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Antony Hewish

Physics Nobel Laureate, 1974


4.9.2014

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James Watson Cronin

Physics Nobel Laureate, 1980



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Wolfgang Ketterle

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H. David Politzer

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John L. Hall

Physics Nobel Laureate, 2005

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Daniel C. Tsui

Physics Nobel Laureate, 1998

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Klaus von Klitzing

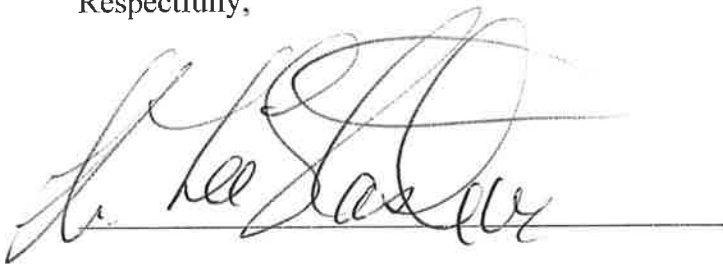
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Sheldon Lee Glashow



Physics Nobel Laureate, 1979

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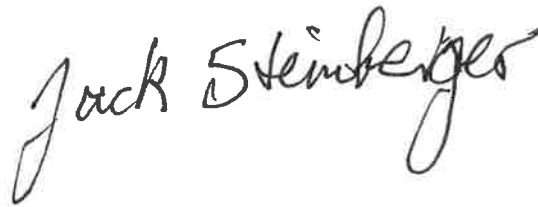
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Committee of Concerned Scientists

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I wish to join you in your appeal to the Iranian government for the release from prison of Om  
Kokabee.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jack Steinberger". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

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Arno Allan Penzias

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Nicolaas Bloembergen

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Toshihide Maskawa

Physics Nobel Laureate, 2008