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Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Troy Building 5th Floor
110 8th Street
Troy, NY 12180-3590
Attention: Ms. Virginia C. Gregg, Vice President for Finance & CFO

Re: *Troy Industrial Development Authority (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute), New York,
Various Series*

Dear Ms. Gregg:

Standard & Poor's has reviewed the rating on the above-referenced obligations. After such review, we have changed the rating to "A-" from "A" and changed the outlook to stable from negative. A copy of the rationale supporting the rating and outlook is enclosed.

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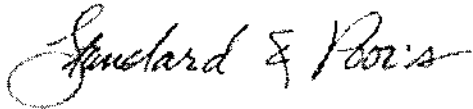
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Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Standard & Poor's". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name of the company.

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