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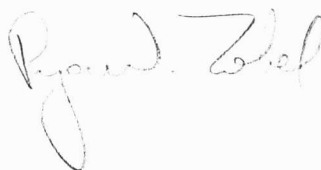
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Ms. Ann Ryder
481 Wolf Pit Road
Mars Hill, NC 28754

Dear Ms. Ryder:

In response to your letter of January 26, the Federal Judicial Center is an education and research agency. It cannot and does not give legal advice and it cannot in any other ways assist litigants.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rya W. Zobel". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".