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Dear Federal Communication Commission,

Please accept this letter as an attestation that neither Asyst Technologies, Inc. nor any of its officers, directors or persons holding 5% or more of the outstanding stock or shares, voting or non-voting, have been denied federal benefits under section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. 862 because of a conviction for possession or distribution of a controlled substance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D. Partridge".

Deborah A. Partridge
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