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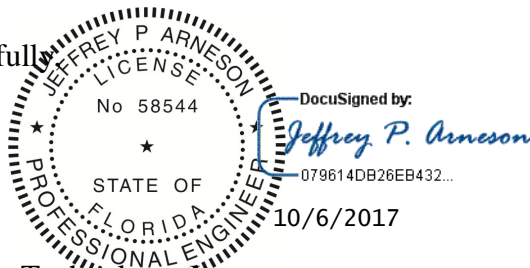
Simpson Strong-Tie  
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RE: Statement of Independence

To Whom It May Concern:

As a duly licensed structural engineer licensed to practice in the state of Florida, I hereby certify that I have no financial interest, currently or at present, in the manufacturing, sales, or distribution of any kind whatsoever associated with Simpson Strong-Tie or any of its holdings.

Respectfully,



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