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# DISPUTE RESOLUTION ALERT

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the message. A contract signed in this way, again subject to specific exceptions, will be valid and enforceable.

There is a distinction between an electronic signature and an advanced electronic signature which is only available through an accredited agency and includes a secure process with specific software to secure the message.



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