

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

October 18, 2019

The Honorable Adam Schiff
Chairman
House Permanent Select
Committee on Intelligence
Capitol Visitor Center HVC-304
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Eliot Engel
Chairman
Committee on Foreign Affairs
2170 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Carolyn B. Maloney
Acting Chairwoman
Committee on Oversight and Reform
2157 Rayburn House Office Building
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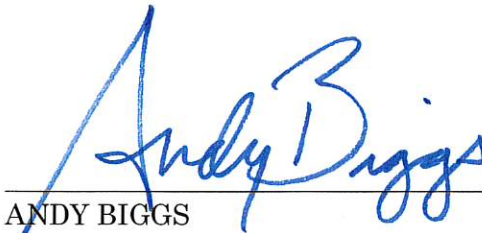
Dear Chairman Schiff, Chairman Engel, and Acting Chairwoman Maloney:

We write to demand the release of the rules that are governing the depositions and transcribed interviews being conducted by the joint action of your three committees. The secrecy in which these depositions and interviews are being conducted, and the lack of clarity on the rules that govern attendance and access to records, are deeply concerning in the context of such a serious inquiry.

You have consistently denied non-committee Members their right to attend these depositions and interviews without specifying any authority to do so. House regulations clearly permit all House members to attend depositions.¹ You have also consistently denied the right of non-committee members to view the transcripts of depositions and interviews without specifying any authority to do so. These transcripts are committee records. Committee records are the property of the whole House and under House rules, no Member can be denied access to committee records.²

Please immediately release any rules that have been adopted in addition to existing standing committee rules by no later than October 22, 2019. We urge you to give this matter your immediate attention.

Sincerely,



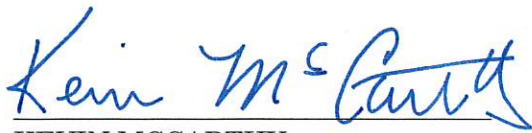
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¹ "...members, committee staff designated by the chair or ranking minority member, an official court reporter, the witness, and the witness's counsel are permitted to attend." Regulations for the Use of Deposition Authority, 165 Cong. Rec. H1216 (January 25, 2019)


² "[Committee] records shall be the property of the House, and each Member, Delegate, and the Resident Commissioner shall have access thereto." Rule XI, clause 2



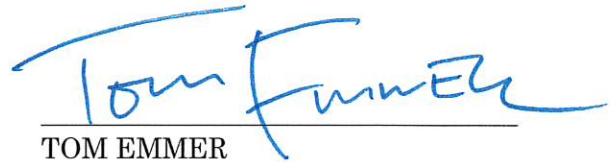
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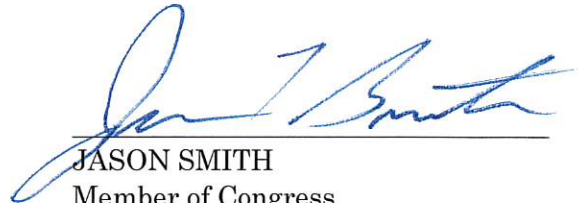
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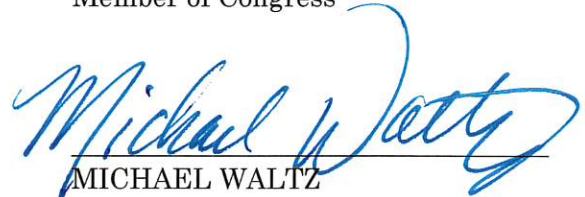
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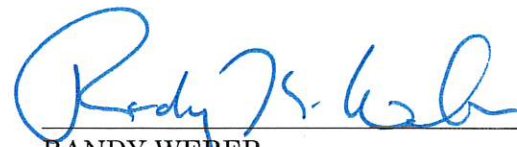
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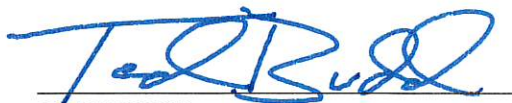
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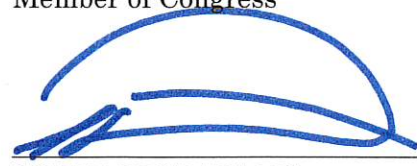
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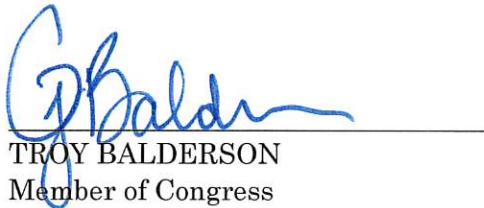
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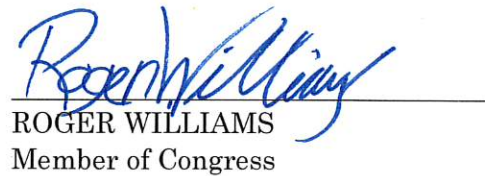

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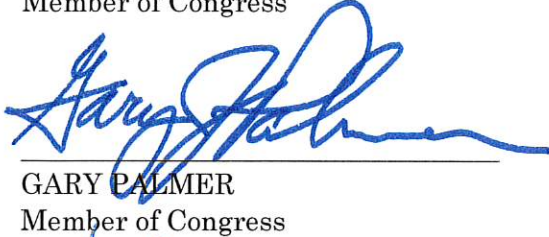

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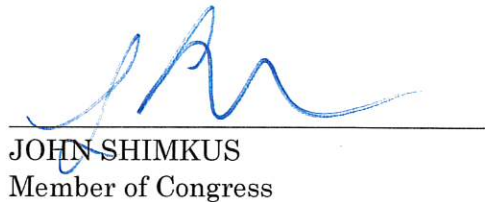

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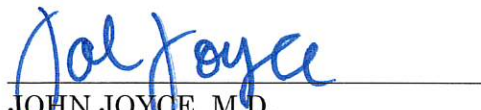

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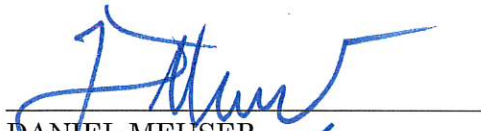

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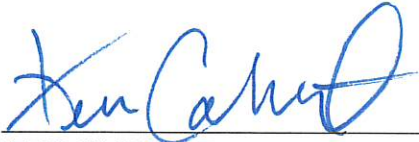
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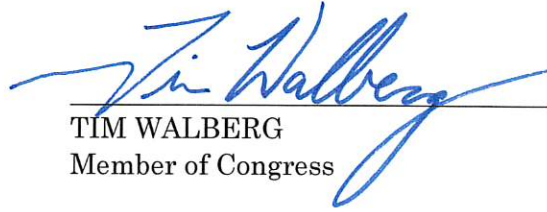
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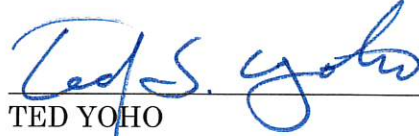
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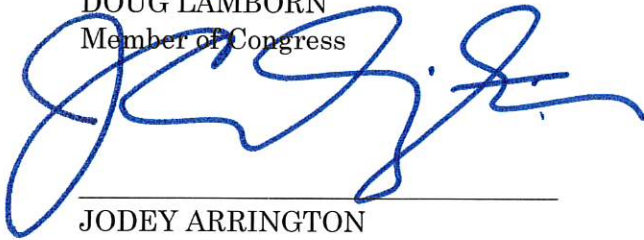
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