



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

January 13, 2022

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Senate Republican Leader
S-230, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
House Republican Leader
H-204, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

CC: Whip Steve Scalise; Conference Chair Elise Stefanik

Dear Leader McConnell and Leader McCarthy

Thank you for the consistent pro-life leadership you have shown even as House and Senate Democrats have demonstrated their plan to use Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Appropriations legislation to strip out longstanding pro-life protections that have been in place for decades. We appreciate your unwavering commitment to ensuring that these pro-life protections are retained in any FY2022 final appropriations bill. We will vote against any federal funding bill that weakens or eliminates them.

For decades, federal appropriations legislation has included language to protect taxpayer money from funding and facilitating the killing of children alive but not yet born. The most famous of these protections, the Hyde Amendment, prevents direct taxpayer funding of abortion through programs like Medicaid. Since 1976 it has been renewed every year on a bipartisan basis, and it is credited with saving at least [2.4 million lives](#).¹ Polling has found, over and over, that the majority of Americans oppose taxpayer funding of abortion.^{2,3} As then-Senator Biden wrote to a constituent: “those of us who are opposed to abortion should not be compelled to pay for them.”⁴

In July 2021, House Democrats passed several appropriations bills that did not include the Hyde Amendment or other longstanding, bipartisan pro-life protections and, instead, added pro-abortion provisions. Many of these protections would also be eliminated by the nine appropriations bills released by the Senate Appropriations Committee on October 18, 2021.

The removal of these longstanding policies represents an extreme pro-abortion stance that needs to be immediately addressed. Taxpayers should not be forced to pay for abortion domestically or internationally. The consciences of health care providers who do not want to participate in

¹Michael J. New, Ph.D. “Addendum to Hyde @ 40: Analyzing the Impact of the Hyde Amendment.” Charlotte Lozier Institute. July 21, 2020. <https://lozierinstitute.org/addendum-to-hyde-40-analyzing-the-impact-of-the-hyde-amendment>.

² Marist Poll. Americans’ Opinion on Abortion: January 2021. <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/news-room/polls/kofc-americans-opinions-on-abortion012021.pdf>

³ Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. “The 2016 Election: Clinton Vs. Trump Voters on American Health Care. October 2016. <https://cdn1.sph.harvard.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/94/2016/10/POLITICO-Harvard-Poll-Oct-2016-Voters-Health-Care.pdf>

⁴ Senator Joe Biden (D-DE). Letter. April 7, 1994. <https://www.nrlc.org/uploads/ObamaAbortionAgenda/BidenOnHydeAmendmentTwoLetters.pdf>

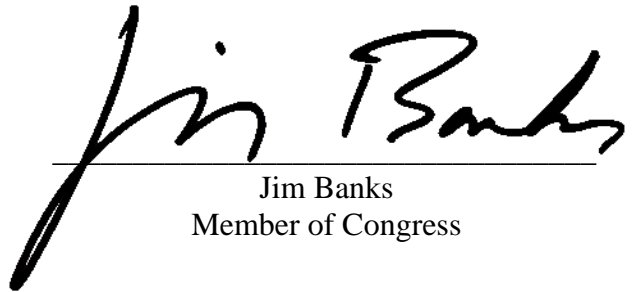
abortion should be respected. Funding should not go to international organizations that are complicit in forced abortion and involuntary sterilization.

We respectfully urge you to continue to publicly oppose this pro-abortion extremism and to highlight the fact that, for FY 2022 appropriations legislation to become law, all longstanding pro-life provisions must be retained. We will vote against any legislation that does not retain them.

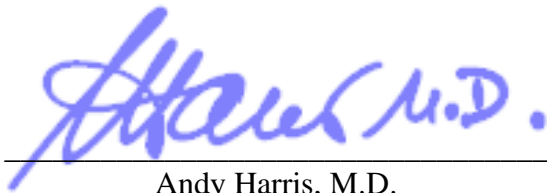
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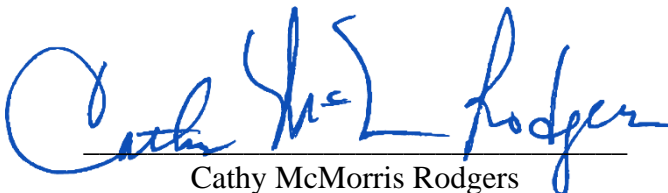
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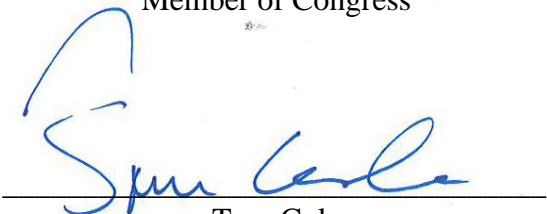
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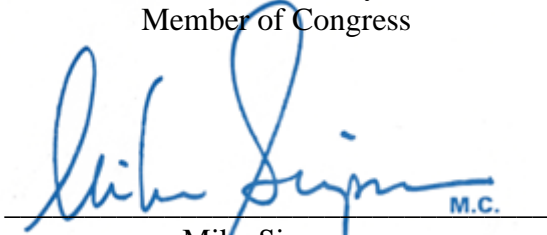
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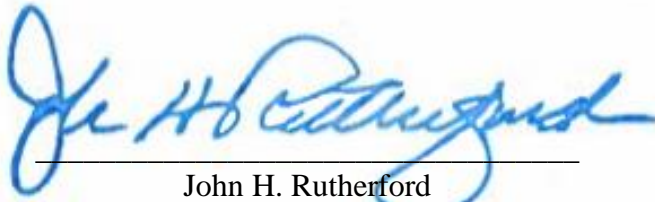
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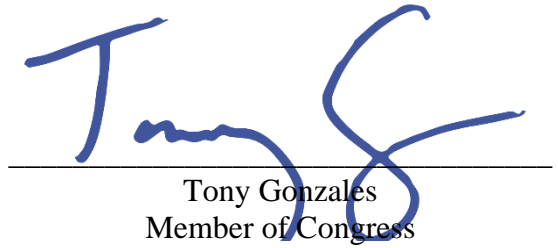
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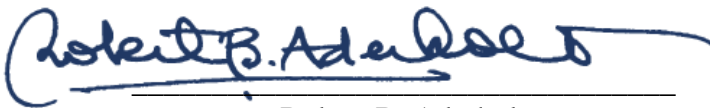
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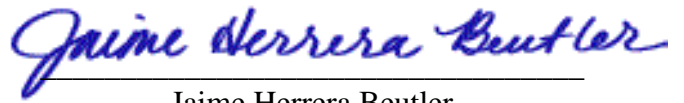
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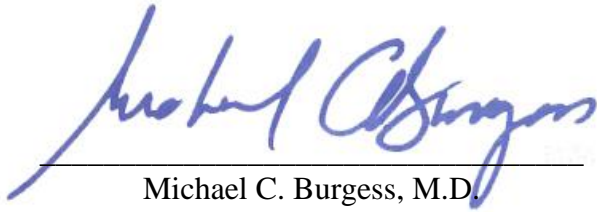
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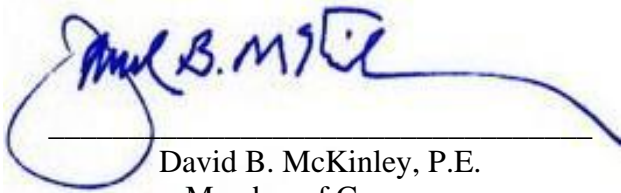
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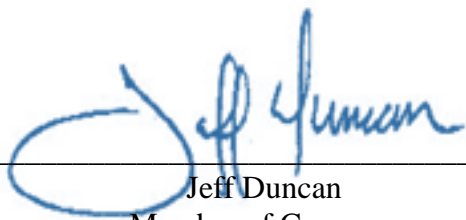
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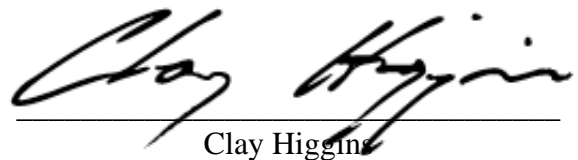
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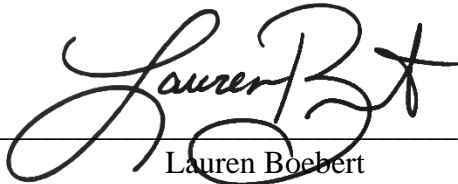
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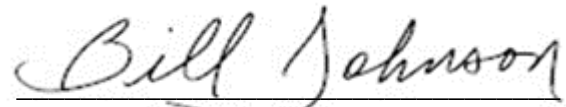
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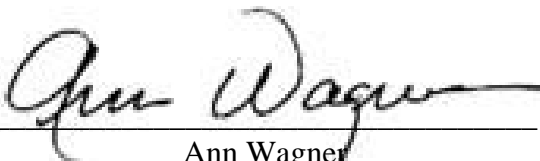
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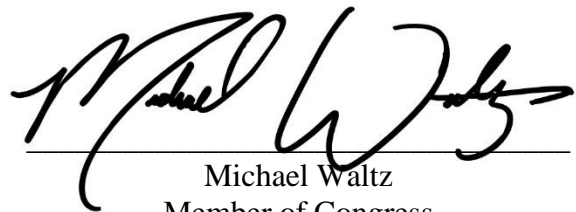
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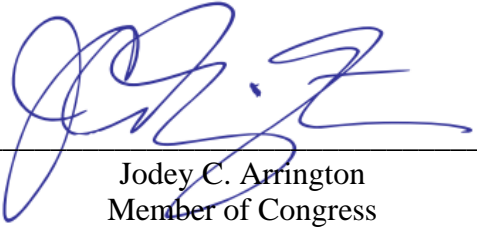
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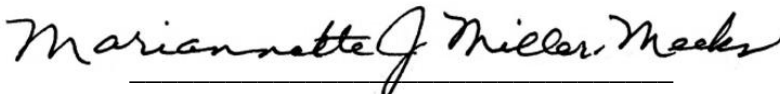
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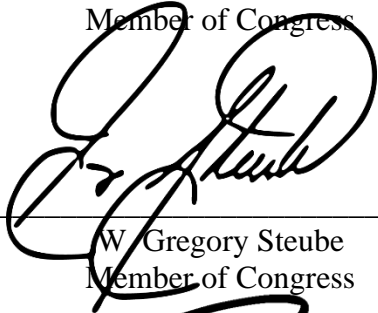
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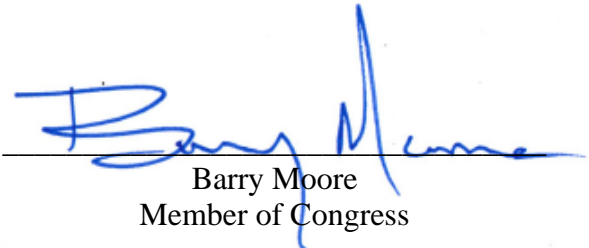
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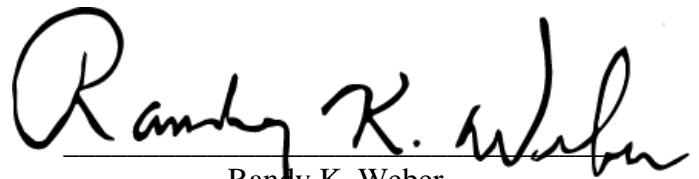
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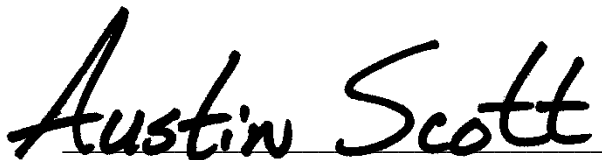
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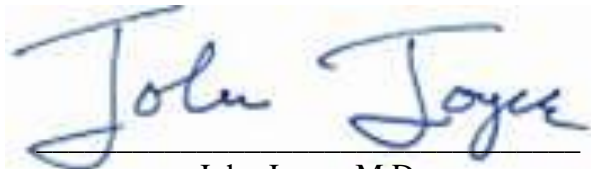
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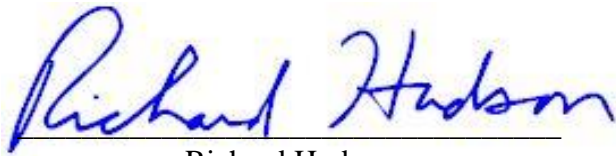
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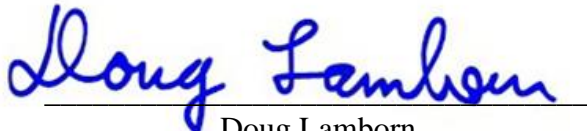
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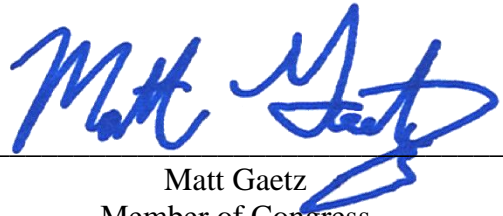
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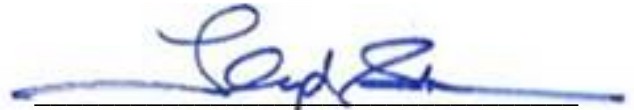
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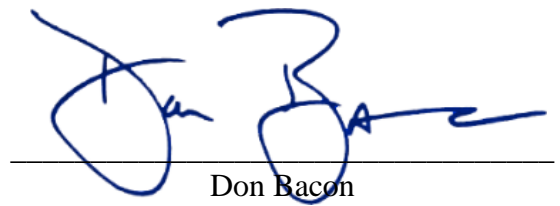
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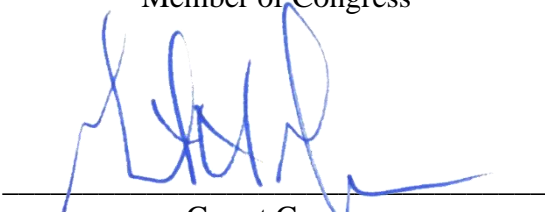
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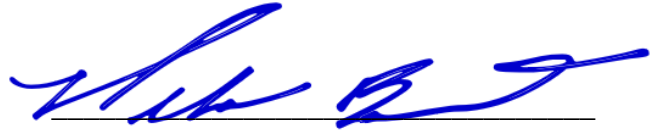
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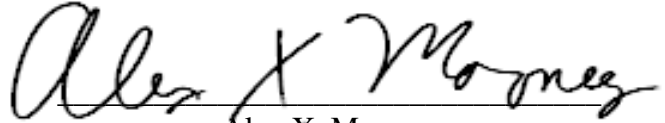
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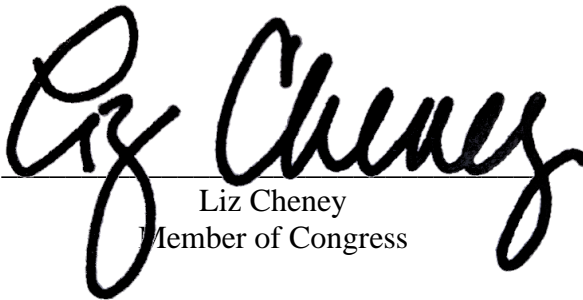
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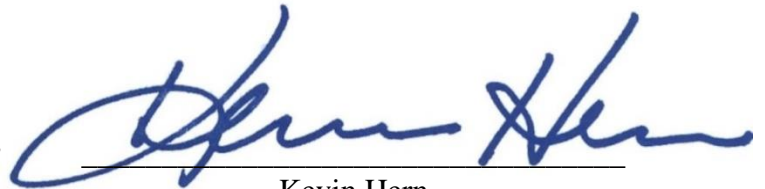
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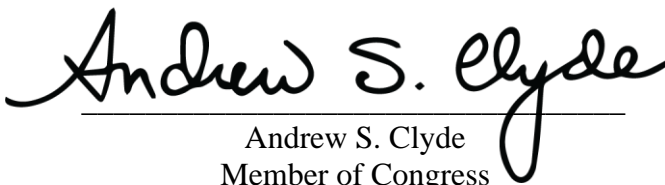
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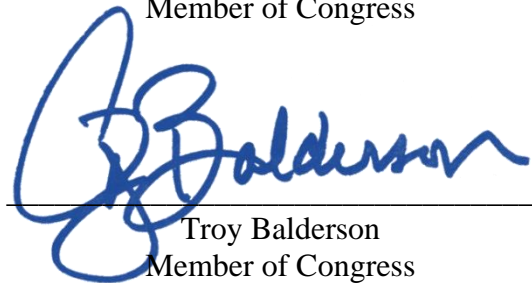
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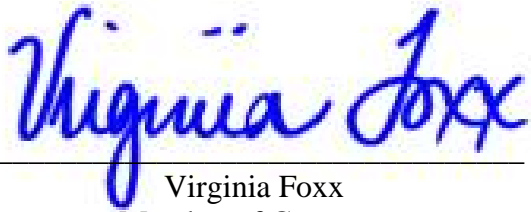
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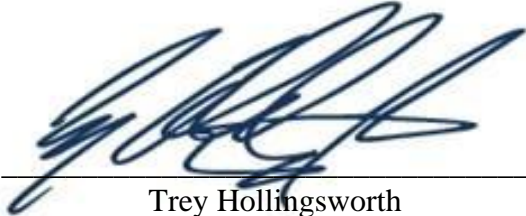
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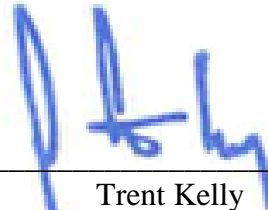
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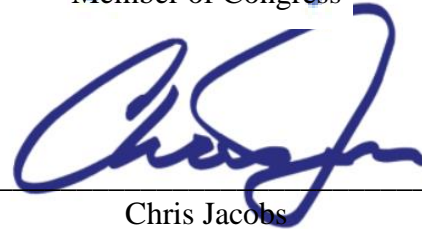
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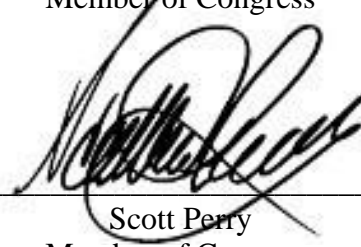
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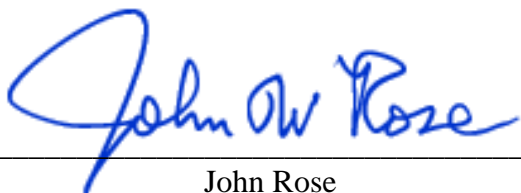
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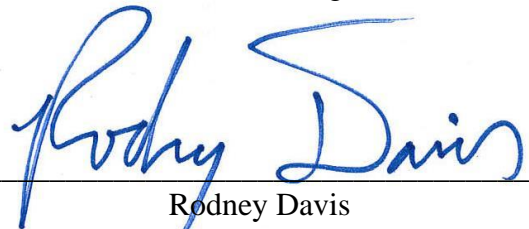
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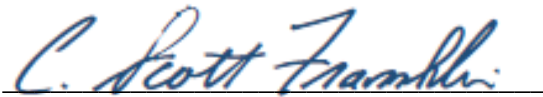
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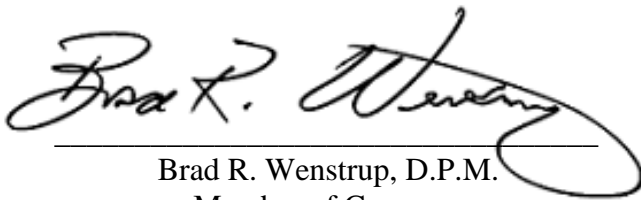
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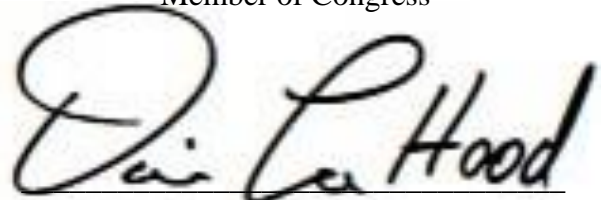
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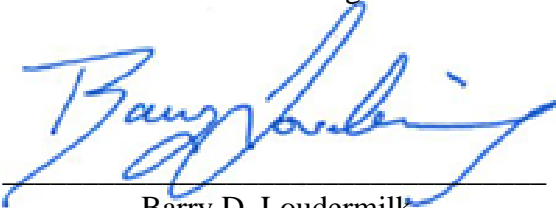
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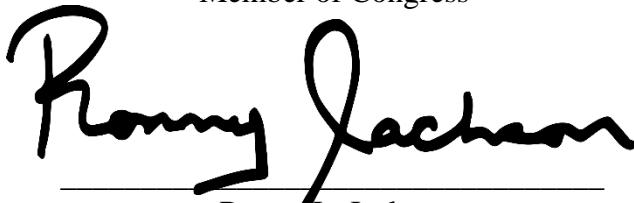
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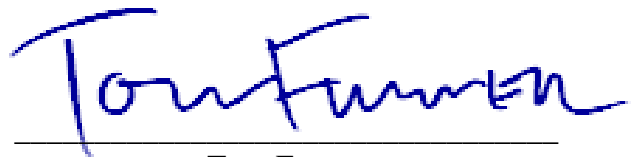
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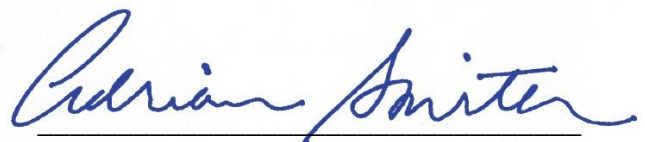
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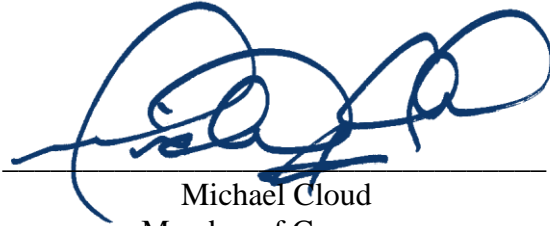
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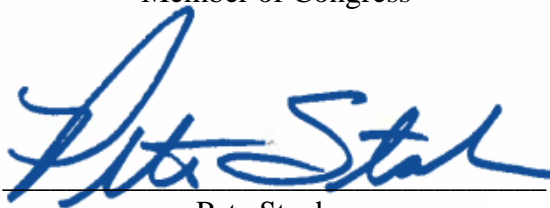
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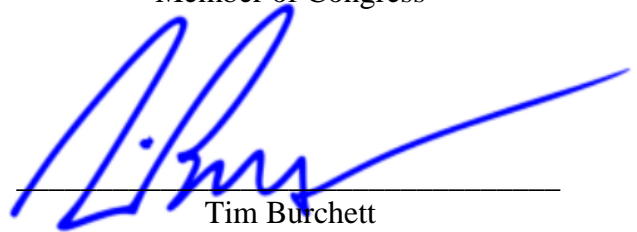
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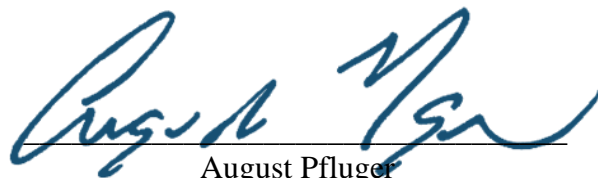
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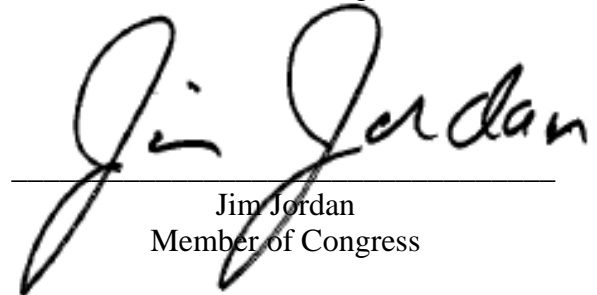
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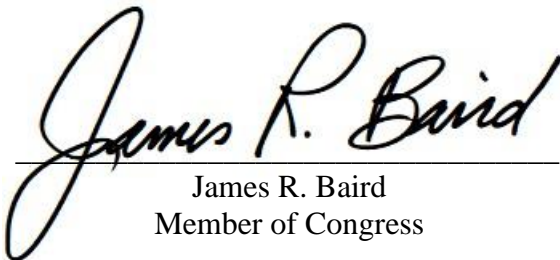
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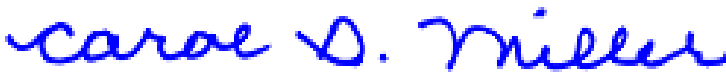
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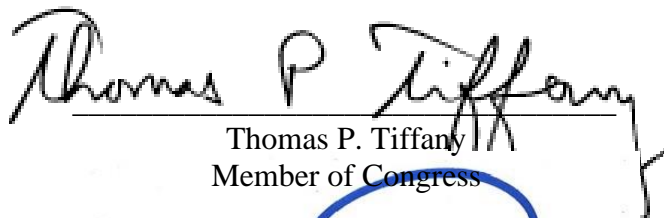
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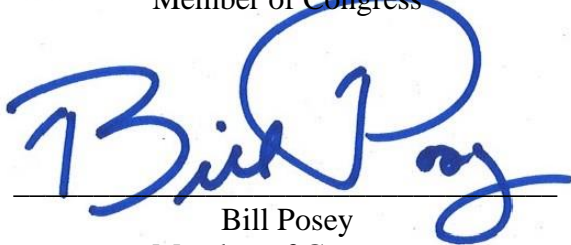
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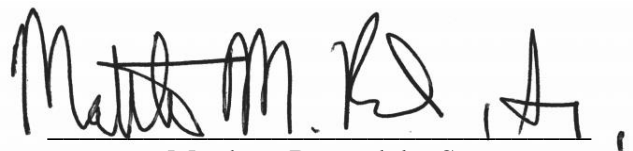
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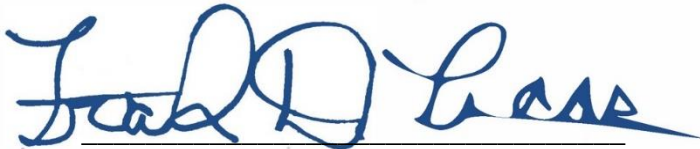
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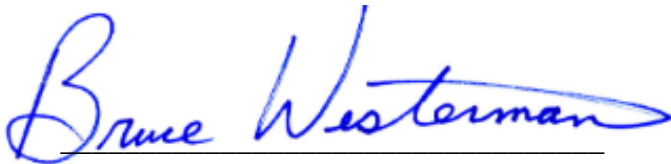
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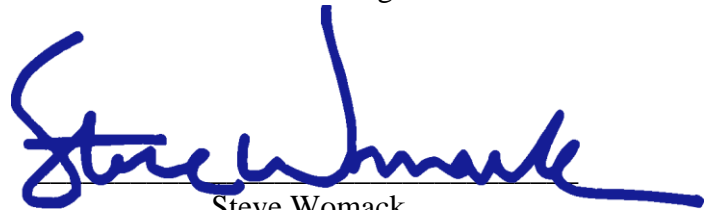
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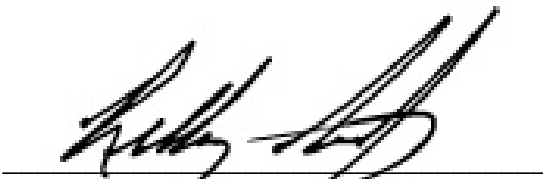
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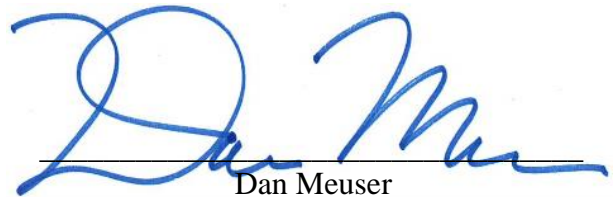
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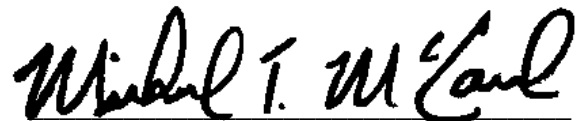
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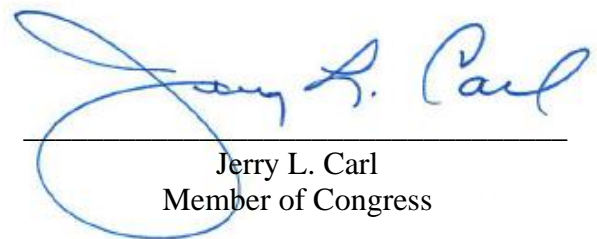
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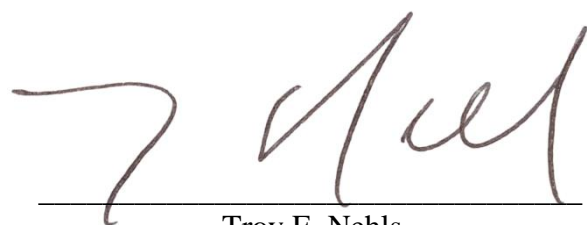
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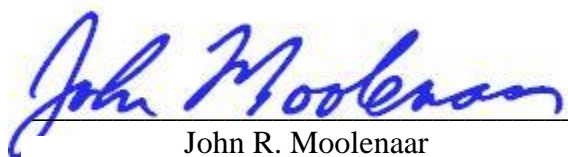
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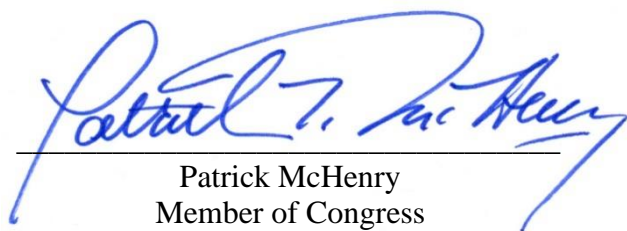
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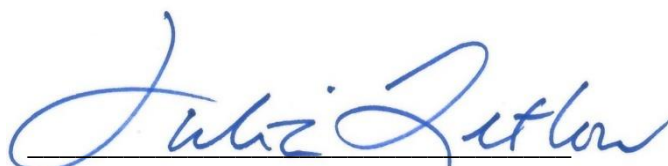
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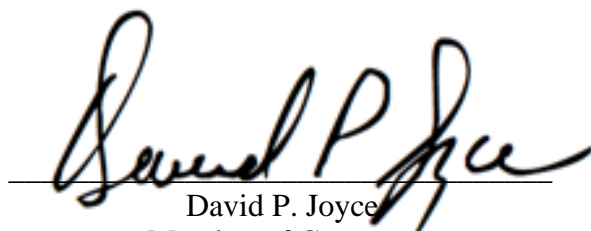
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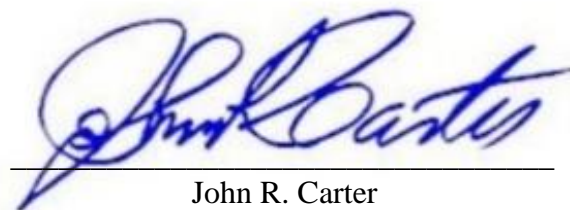
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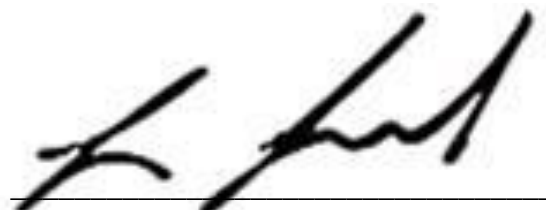
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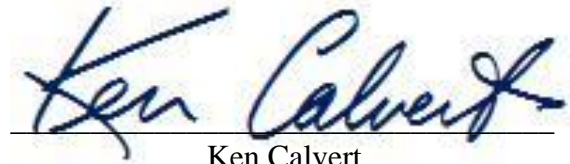
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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "KEVIN BRADY". The letters are stylized and connected, with a horizontal line drawn underneath the signature.

Kevin Brady
Member of Congress

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken Calvert". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line drawn underneath.

Ken Calvert
Member of Congress

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mario Diaz-Balart". The signature is highly stylized and cursive, with a horizontal line drawn underneath.

Mario Diaz-Balart
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