

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

January 15, 2019

President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for your strong pro-life commitment and the robust pro-life policies advanced by your Administration over the past two years. We share your belief that every human life is precious, sacred, and deserving of protection.

As you know, there are long-standing policies of including language in appropriations bills to protect taxpayer money from funding and facilitating the destruction of innocent life that is opposed by pro-life Americans. These provisions include:

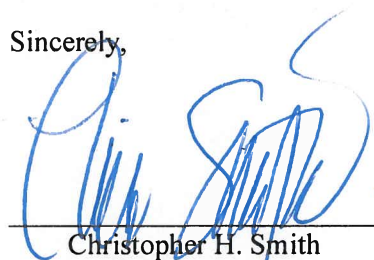
- Preventing direct taxpayer funding of abortion. *This includes the Hyde Amendment, which has saved over two million lives since 1976.¹*
- Restricting funding for abortion advocates
- Establishing conscience protections. *This includes the Weldon Amendment, which protects health care providers from being discriminated against because they refuse to provide, pay for, or refer for abortion.*
- Requiring embryo protection.
- Opposing coercive family planning provisions.

We believe these long-standing protections should be retained—even strengthened.

No law should be enacted that weakens or reverses current pro-life policies or laws. This includes legislation that undermines important pro-life policies your Administration has initiated over the past two years, including Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance.

We respectfully urge you to publicly commit to veto any appropriations bill that weakens any existing pro-life protections on taxpayer funding or any other bill that would weaken federal policy on abortion. We will vote to sustain your veto.

Sincerely,



Christopher H. Smith
Member of Congress



Kevin McCarthy
House Republican Leader



Vicky Hartzler
Member of Congress

¹ New, Michael J. Ph.D. "Hyde @ 40: Analyzing the Impact of the Hyde Amendment." Charlotte Lozier Institute. September 2016.
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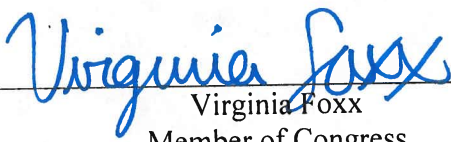
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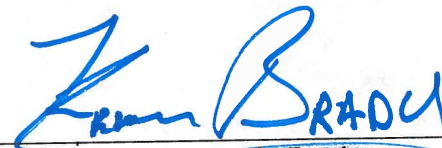
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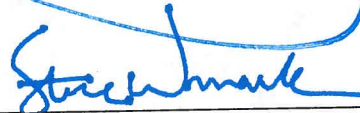
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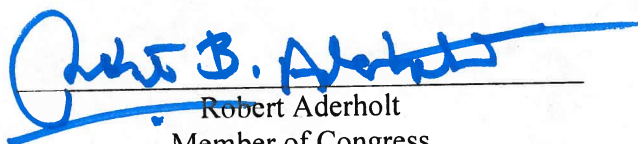
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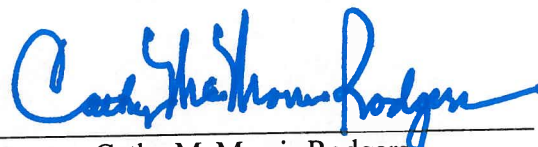
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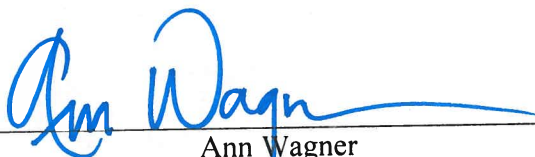
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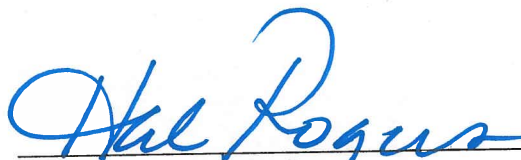
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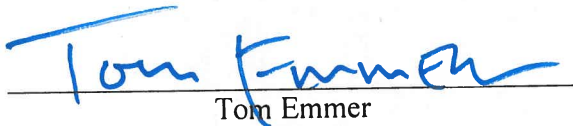
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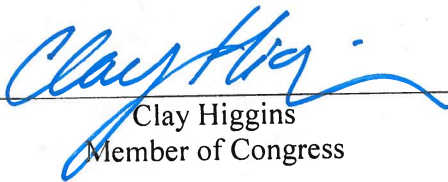
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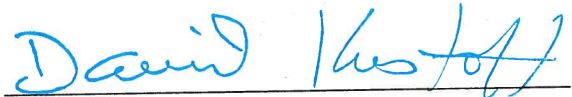
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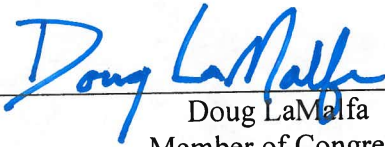
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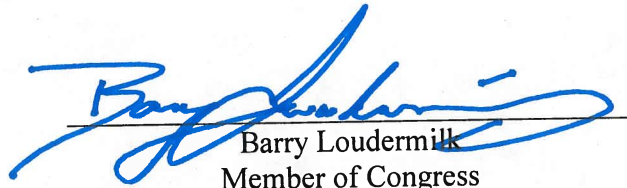
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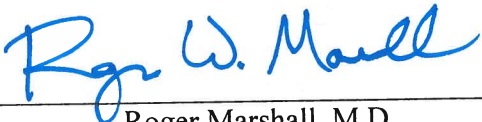
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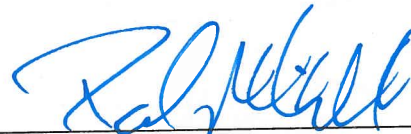
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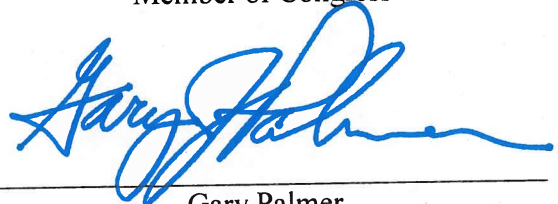
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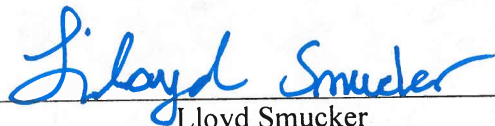
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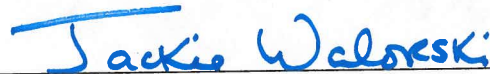
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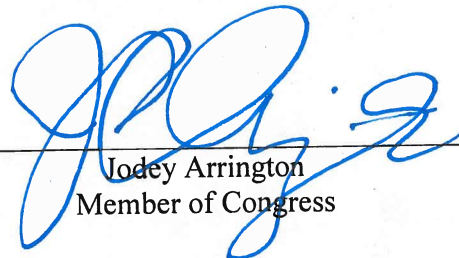
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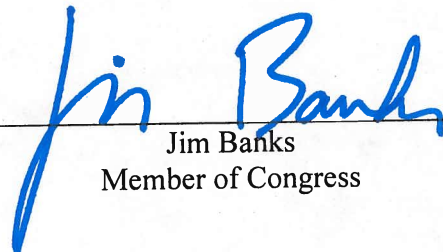
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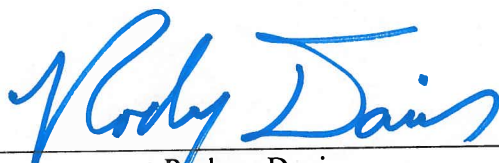
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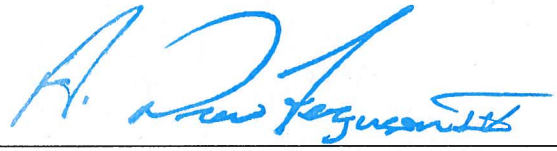
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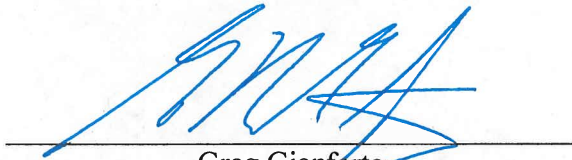
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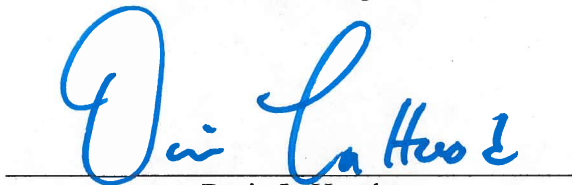
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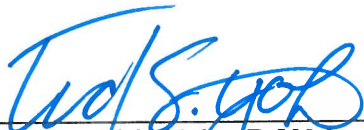
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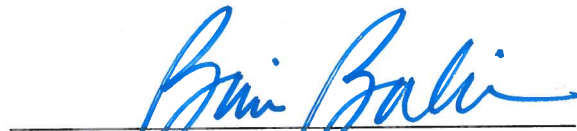
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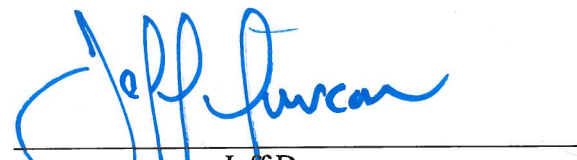
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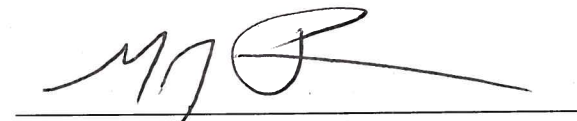
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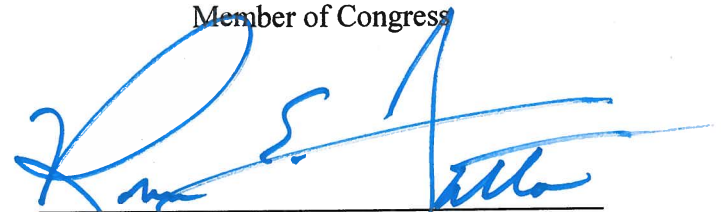
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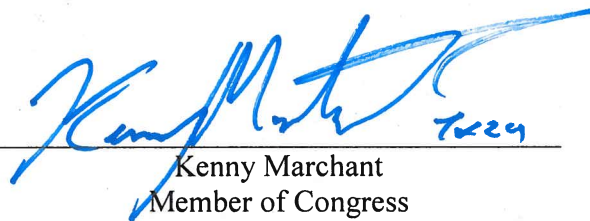
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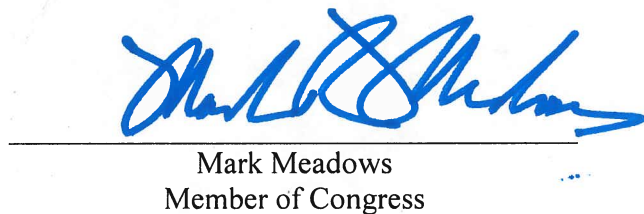
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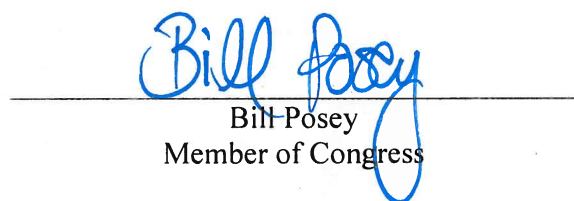
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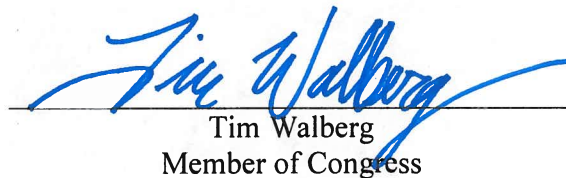
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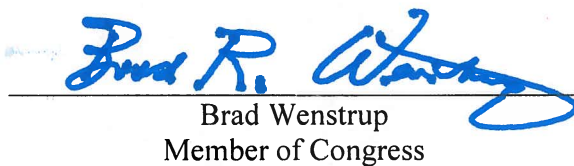
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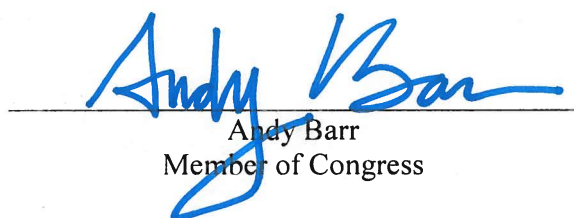
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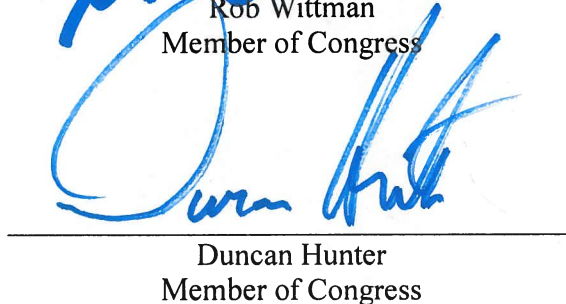
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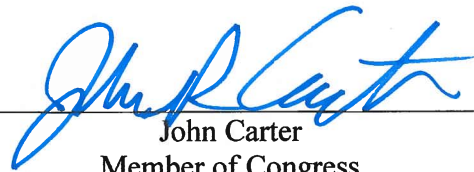
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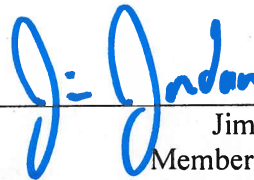
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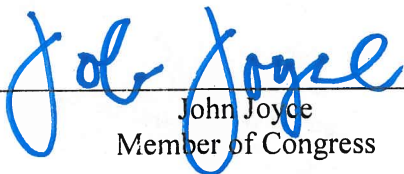
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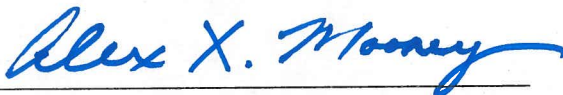
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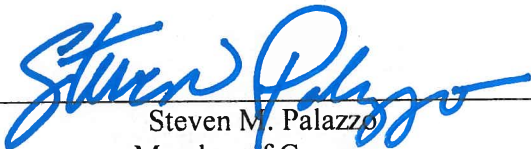
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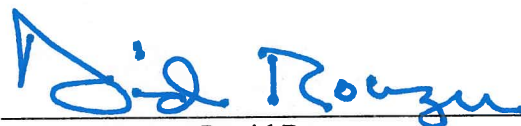
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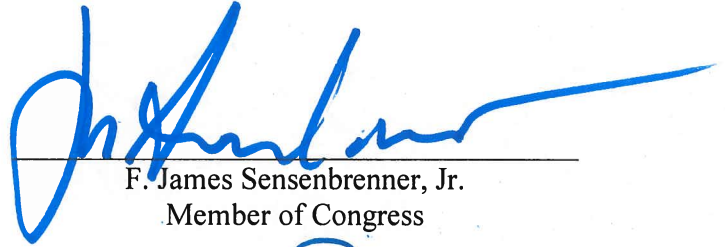
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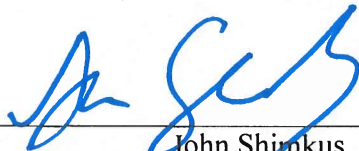
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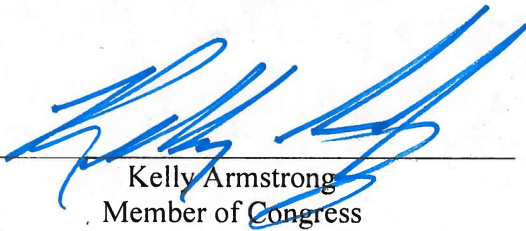
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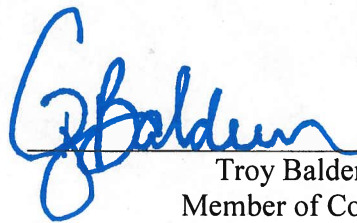
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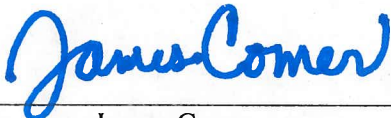
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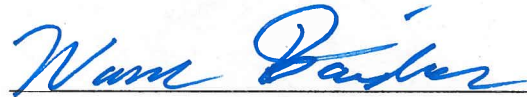
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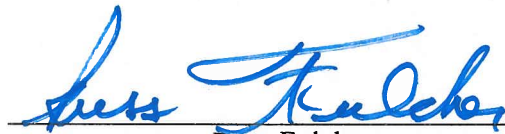
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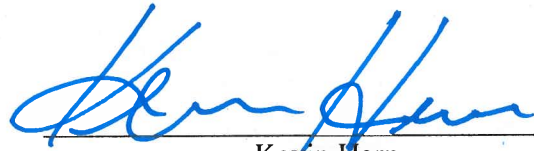
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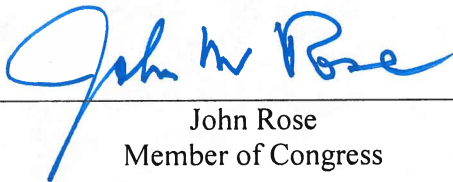
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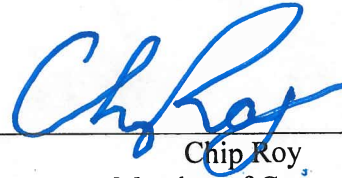
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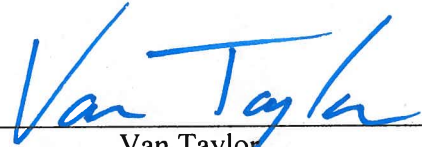
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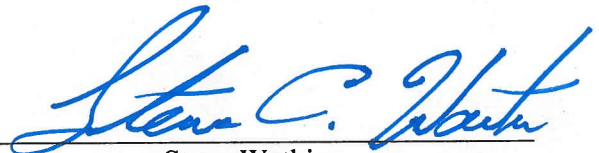
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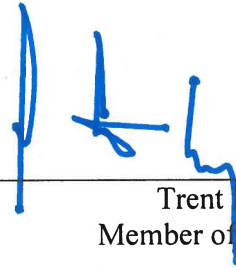
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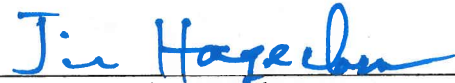
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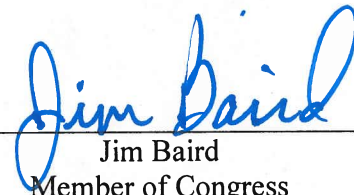
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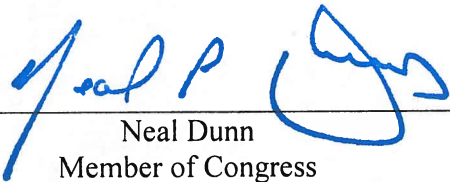
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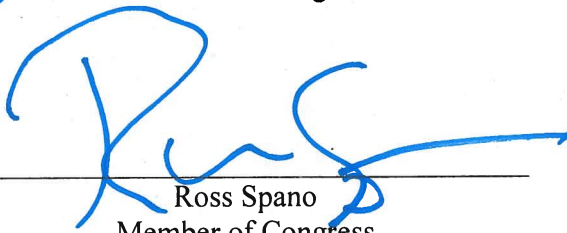
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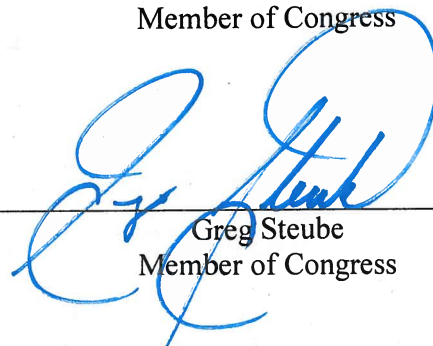
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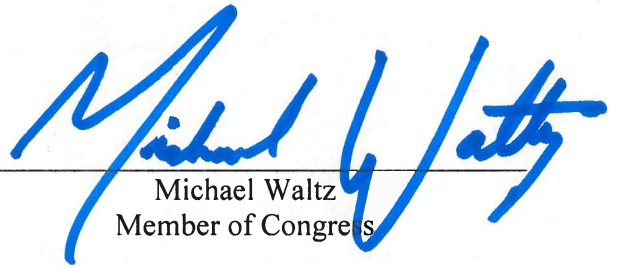
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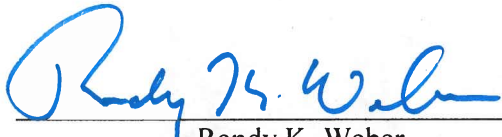
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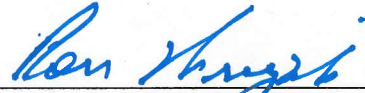
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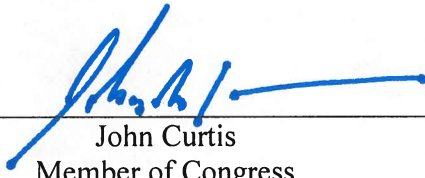
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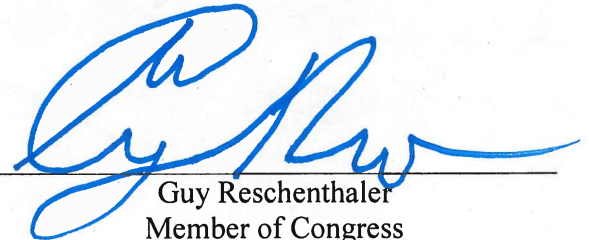
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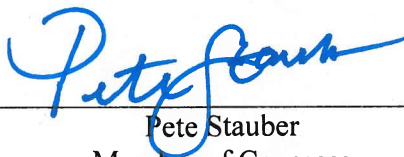
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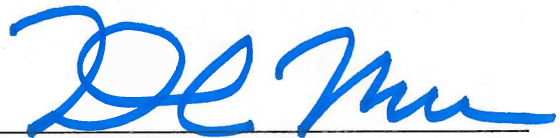
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