



# Congress of the United States

## House of Representatives

July 1, 2021

President Joseph R. Biden  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We are deeply disappointed that in your *Budget Request of the U.S. Government for Fiscal Year 2022* released on May 28, 2021, you call for the removal of the Hyde Amendment and several modest, longstanding pro-life protections that have long been the subjects of legislative consensus. Your budget breaks with this historic bipartisanship. It is an affront to the majority of Americans who do not want their tax dollars funding abortion on demand resulting in the death of children in the womb.

Your budget would force taxpayers to finance abortion on demand. It would repeal the Hyde Amendment, which prohibits federal funds appropriated through the Labor, Health, Human Services, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill from being used to fund abortion or fund health plans that cover abortion, with certain exceptions. Your budget would double-down on forcing taxpayers to fund plans that cover elective abortions by permanently establishing premium tax credits and supporting a so-called “public option” for a government run health insurance that would cover elective abortion.

The Hyde Amendment saves lives. More than twenty peer reviewed studies show that more than [two million people](#) are alive today in the United States because of Hyde—with about [60,000 children](#) spared death by abortion every year. Over two million people who would have been aborted instead survived because public funds were unavailable to effectuate their violent demise and their mothers instead benefitted from prenatal healthcare and support.

Your budget request also removes several other longstanding, bipartisan protections and contains and expands problematic funding streams. It increases funding for abortion providers – both domestically and internationally – through the Title X program and through the International Population Control Program. Your State Department budget targets \$56 million in funding for the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), which has been widely denounced for its involvement in the Chinese Communist Party’s birth-limitation policy that relies on coerced abortion. At the same time, your budget request removes even the modest protections signed into law under President Barack Obama: language prohibiting the UNFPA from funding abortions and prohibiting UNFPA funds from being used directly for country programs in China. This omission sends a troubling signal at a time when there is widespread coverage of China’s ongoing campaign of genocide, including forcing abortions and sterilizations on Uighurs and other minority populations. Your budget request would also repeal the Dornan Amendment, a Hyde-type provision, which prevents appropriated funds from federal or District of Columbia (DC) revenues from being used to pay for abortion in DC.

Your first budget as President is an affront to the majority of Americans who do not want their tax dollars to fund abortion. Recent [polling](#) found that nearly 60 percent of Americans oppose using tax dollars to pay for a woman’s abortion. The Hyde Amendment simply reflects the consensus that abortion, a brutal procedure that ends the lives of unborn children, is not something that the United States taxpayer should be forced to fund.

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We know you understand this. You get it—or at least you once did. Years ago, you wrote a constituent explaining that a law against funding for abortion would “protect both the woman and her unborn child.” You wrote: “I have consistently—on no fewer than 50 occasions—voted against federal funding of abortions...those of us who are opposed to abortion should not be compelled to pay for them.” And in your book, *Promises to Keep*, you wrote: “I’ve stuck to my middle-of-the-road position on abortion for more than thirty years. I still vote against partial birth abortion and federal funding.”

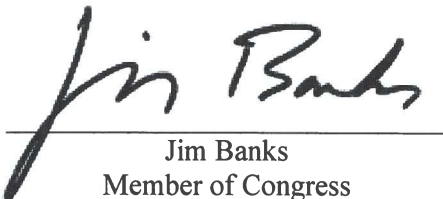
The science of human development has not changed since you recognized that taxpayers opposed to abortion should not have to pay for it and voted in favor of the Hyde Amendment in order to “protect both the woman and her unborn child.” Today, thanks to ultrasound, unborn babies are more visible than ever before.

In your inauguration speech, you said that “the dream of justice for all will be deferred no longer.” Mr. President, the dream of “justice for all” cannot be achieved if the death of a whole segment of society, unborn babies, is legally ignored. “The least of these” suffer discrimination because of where they live—in their mothers’ wombs—and how small and defenseless they are. Abortion violence must be replaced with compassion and empathy for women and for defenseless unborn babies. We must love them both.

Mr. President, if your words that the “the dream of justice for all will be deferred no longer” are to have true meaning, the lives of unborn children must be included, and their precious lives must be protected. Justice demands that the Hyde Amendment and all pro-life protections be reinstated in your budget request and maintained in the appropriations legislation for fiscal year 2022. All other proposals expanding the availability of abortions must be abandoned as well.

Americans should not be forced to fund an act that denies the most basic human right, the right to life, to unborn children.

Sincerely,



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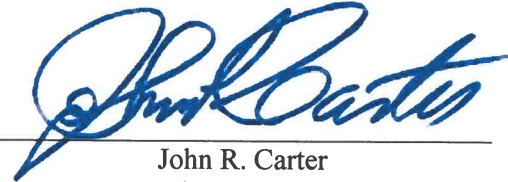
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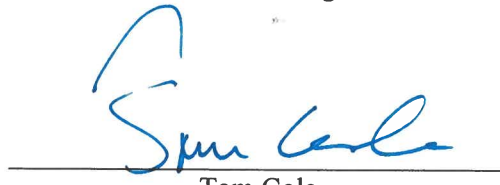
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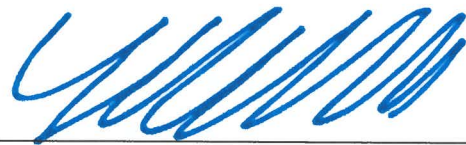
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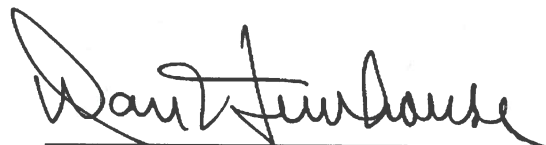
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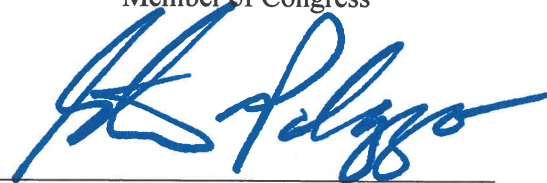
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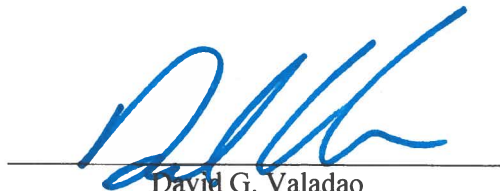
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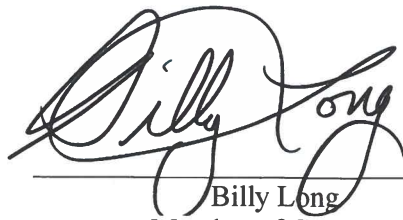
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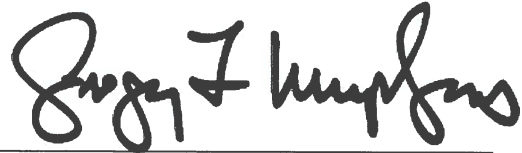
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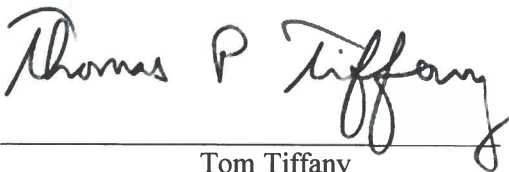
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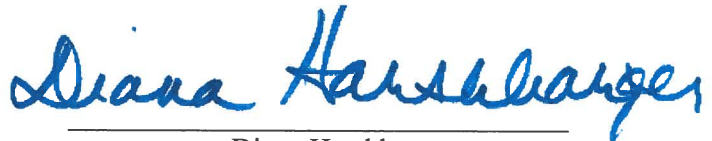
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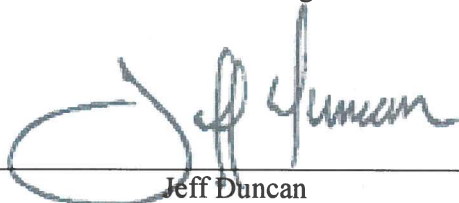
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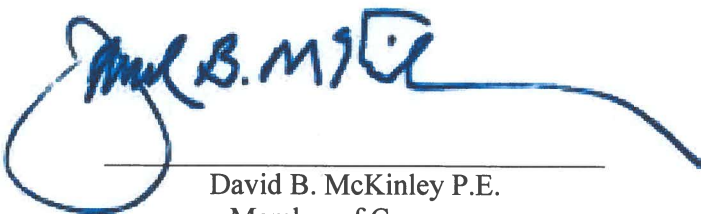
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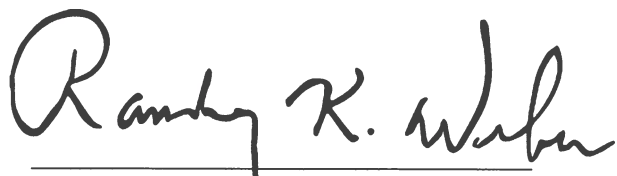
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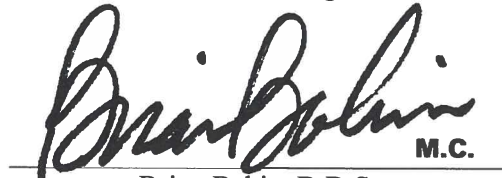
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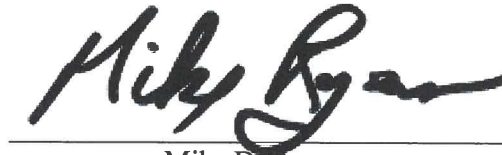
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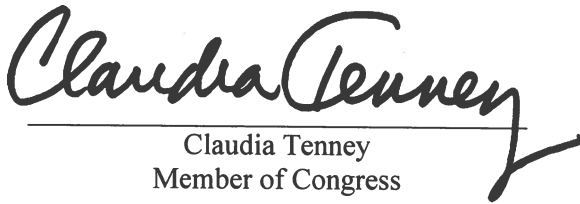
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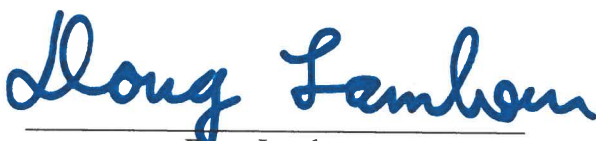
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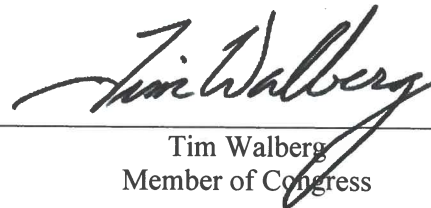
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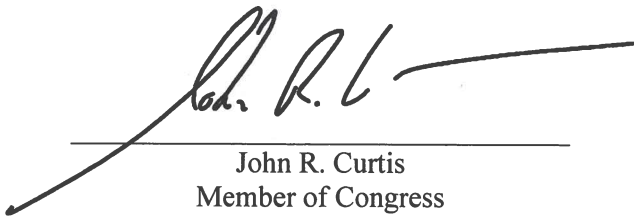
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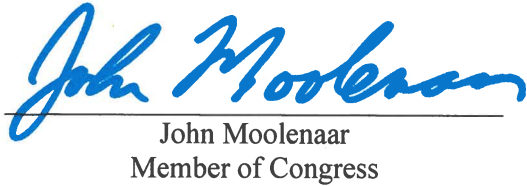
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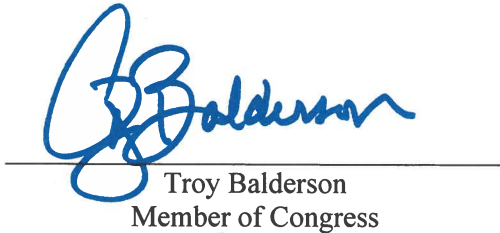
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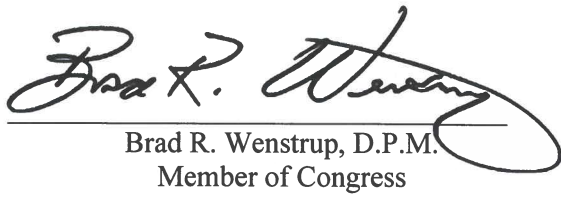
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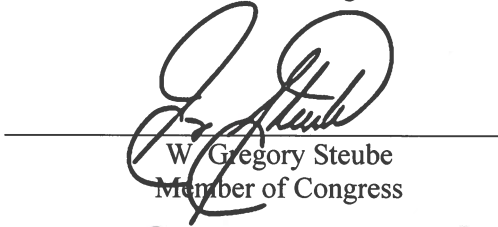
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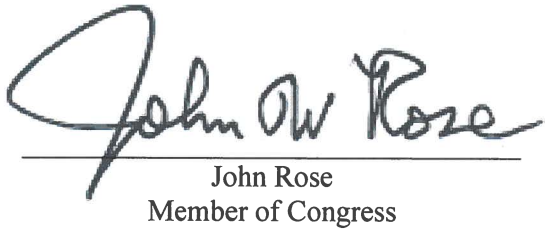
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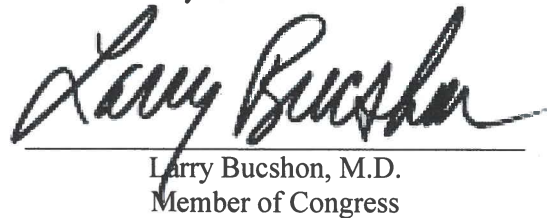
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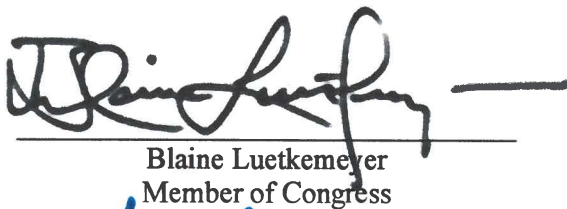
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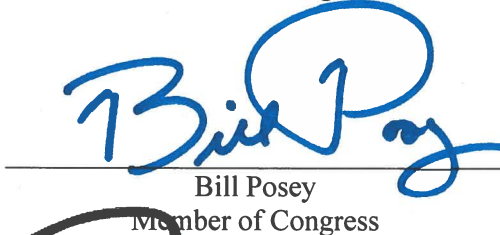
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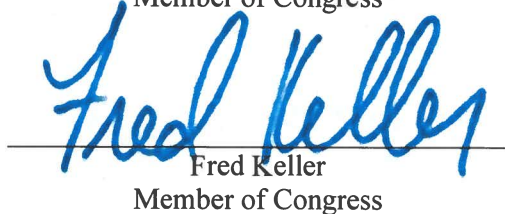
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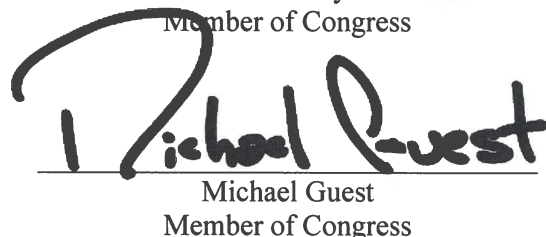
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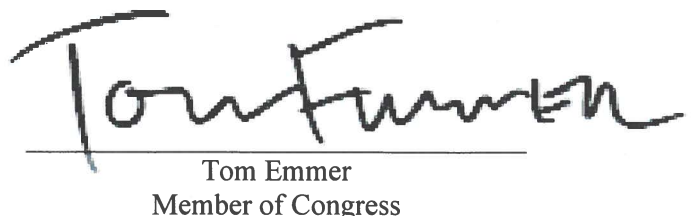
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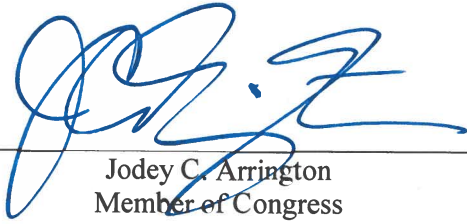
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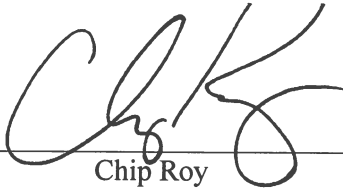
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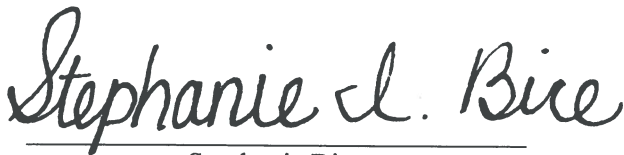
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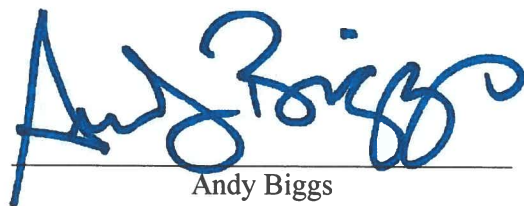
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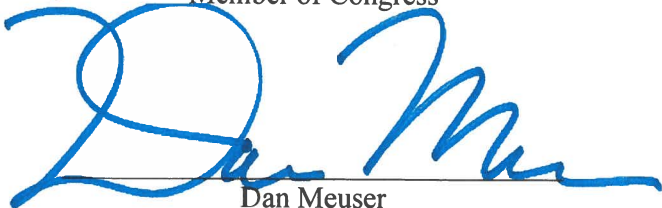
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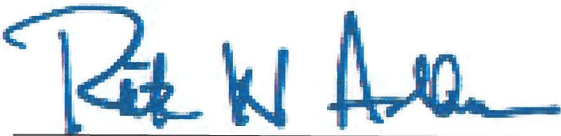
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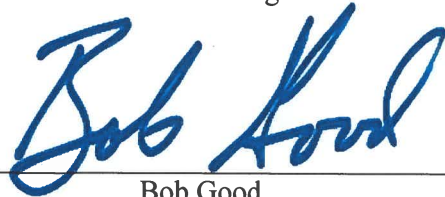
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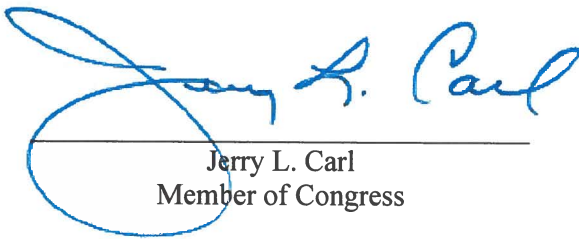
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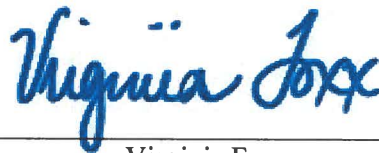
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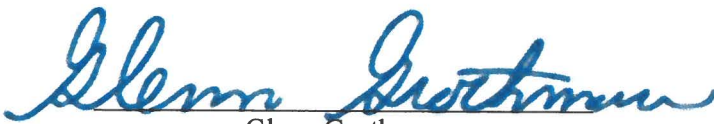
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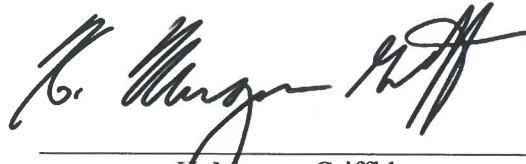
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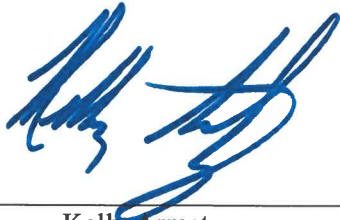
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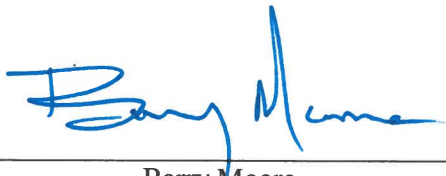
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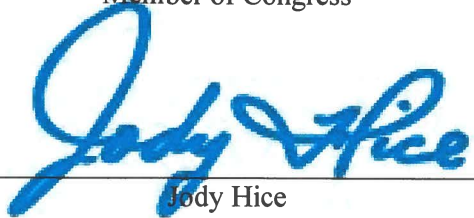
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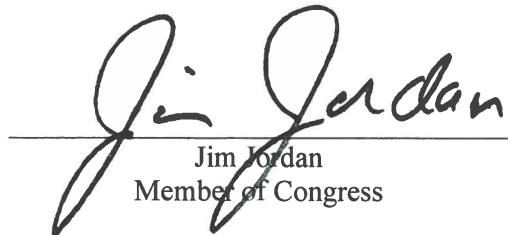
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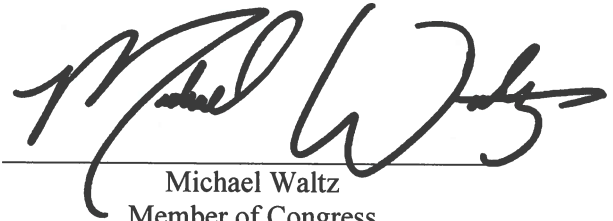
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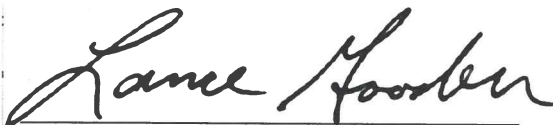
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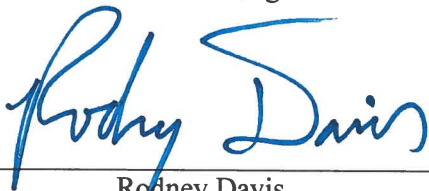
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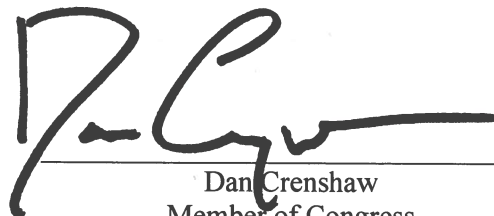
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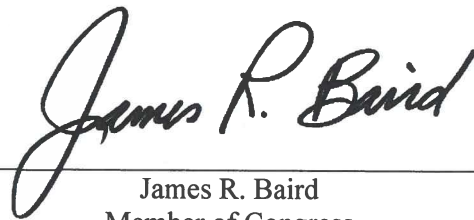
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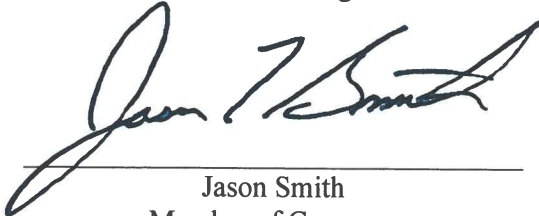
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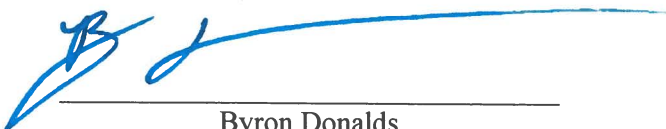
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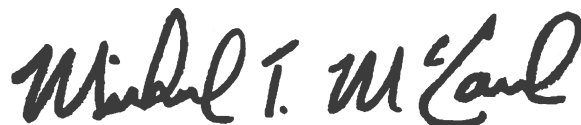
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