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November 13, 2026

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Dear Majority Leader Thune, Minority Leader Schumer, Chairman Grassley, Ranking Member Durbin:

This letter is regarding the urgent need for the Senate to pass H.R. 909, the Crime Victims Fund (CVF) Stabilization Act. In January 2026, the House of Representatives unanimously passed the bipartisan CVF Stabilization Act, which redirects unobligated funds collected through the False Claims Act to the CVF through Fiscal Year 2029 to stabilize the fund. This bill passed with 327 bipartisan cosponsors and now awaits passage in the Senate. As you know, the CVF – created in the 1984 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) – is the largest source of federal, non-taxpayer, grant funding for victim service organizations. These organizations rely on this funding to provide essential, life-saving services including counseling, emergency shelters, and victims' advocates. The current financial challenges facing victim service organizations demand immediate action from the United States Senate.

VOCA grants from the CVF are funded by monetary penalties associated with federal criminal convictions and deferred- and non-prosecution agreements. These penalties are deposited into the CVF, and appropriators decide how much to release from the CVF every year. These deposits fluctuate based on the cases the DOJ successfully prosecutes and settles. After years of historically low deposits, the CVF has been depleted.[1] According to the National Association of VOCA Assistance Administrators, after accounting for settlement funds being held in reserve

1 The Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), *Jewish Women International.*

and funds remaining for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 obligations, there is only $140 million in the fund for FY2027.[2]

Without federal funds, victim service providers would be significantly limited in their ability, and in many cases unable, to carry out programs that support survivors, their families, and communities to both prevent and respond to violence. Any funding interruption may also embolden perpetrators of domestic and sexual violence, as the legal system will be unable to respond to crises – making our communities less safe. These vital, often life-saving programs need adequate staffing and capacity to serve those who depend on them to heal and move forward.[3] Domestic and sexual violence can happen to anyone, anywhere, at any time and it is critical we have programs in place to serve survivors in the short- and long-term.

As the co-chairs of the Bipartisan Working Group to End Domestic Violence, House co-leads of the CVF Stabilization Act, and members of Congress who voted to pass this bill in the House of Representatives, we urge you to prioritize the passage of the CVF Stabilization Act before the conclusion of the 119th Congress. Enactment of this bill would help stabilize this critical source of non-taxpayer funding for victim services, giving service providers the support they need to keep their doors open and support the needs of both survivors and their families.

Thank you for your consideration of this important request.

Sincerely,

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Jim Costa
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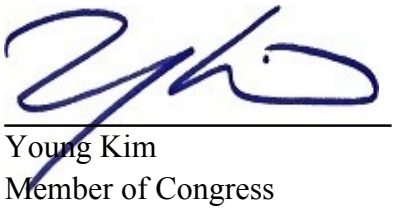
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2 Crime Victims Fund, *National Association of VOCA Assistance Administrators.*
3 Victims of Crime Act, *National Network to End Domestic Violence.*



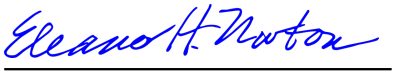
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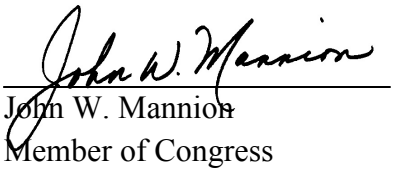
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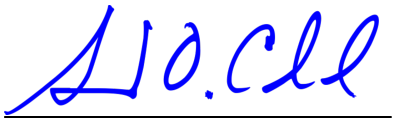
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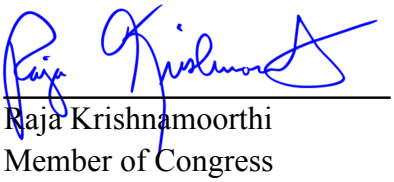
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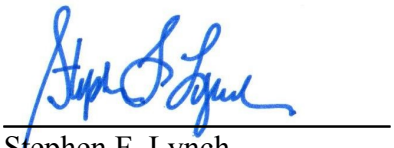
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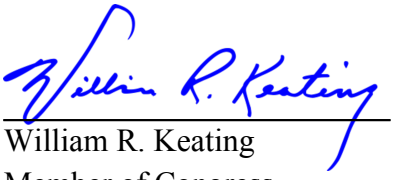
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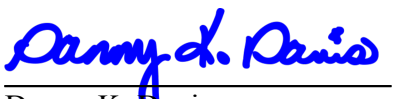
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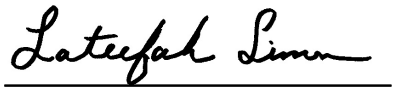
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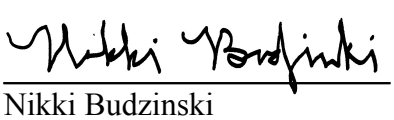
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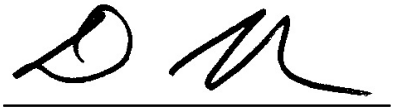
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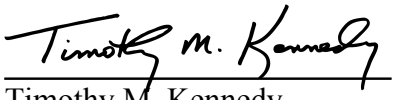
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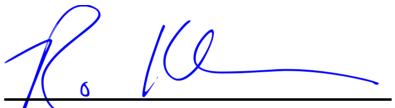
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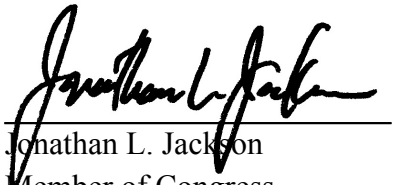
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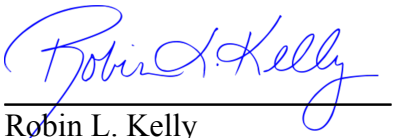
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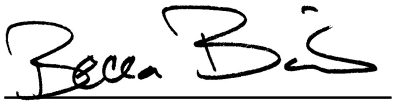
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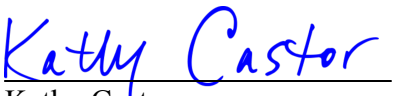
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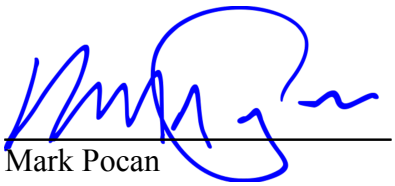
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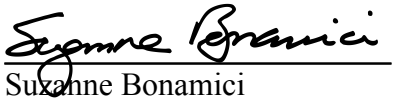
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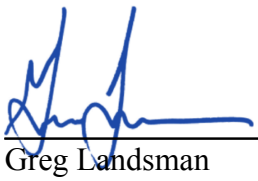
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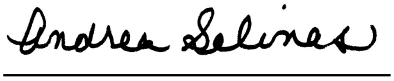
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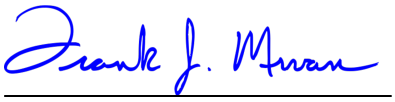
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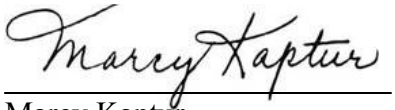
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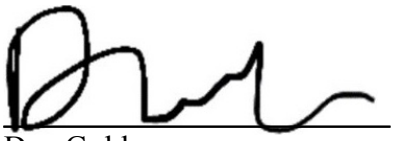
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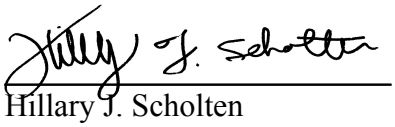
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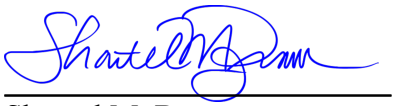
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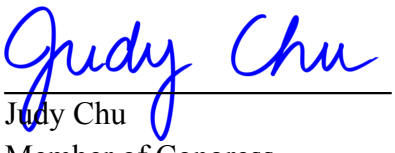
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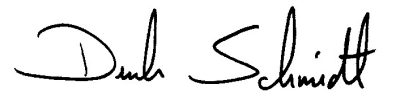
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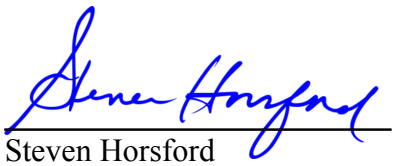
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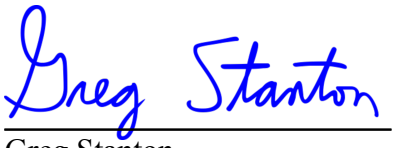
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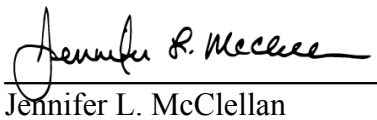
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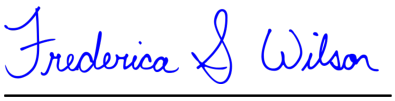
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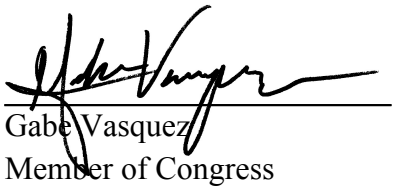
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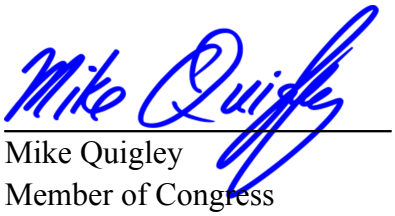
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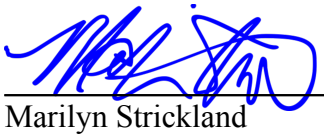
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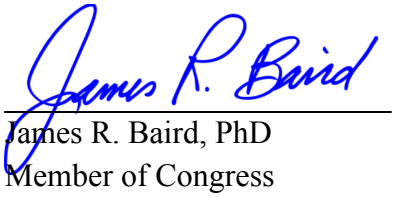
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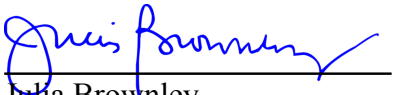
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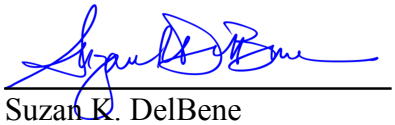
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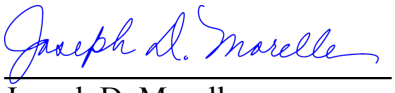
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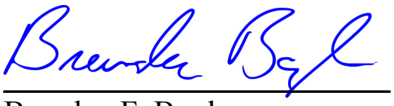
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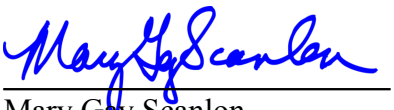
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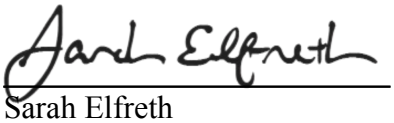
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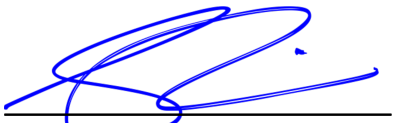
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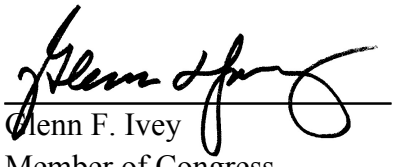
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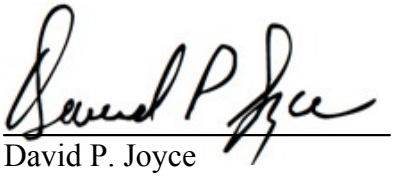
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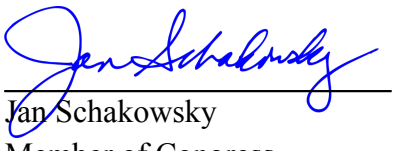
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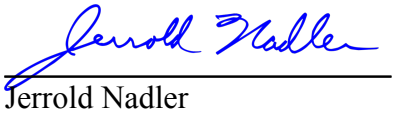
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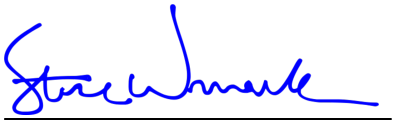
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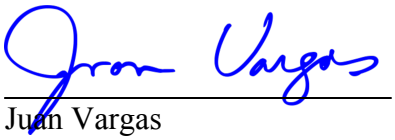
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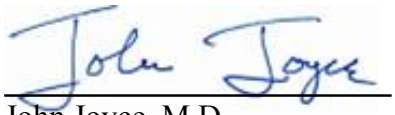
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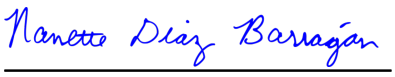
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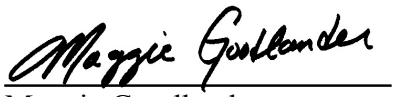
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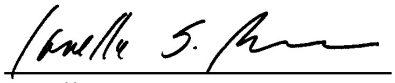
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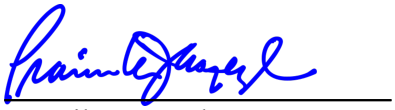
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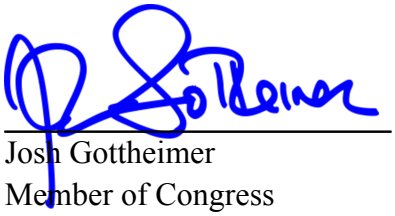
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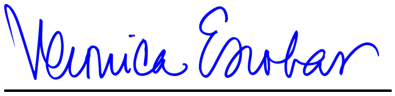
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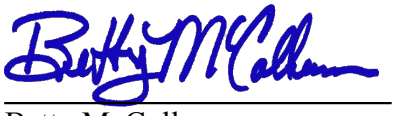
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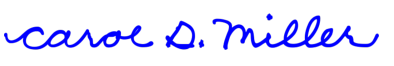
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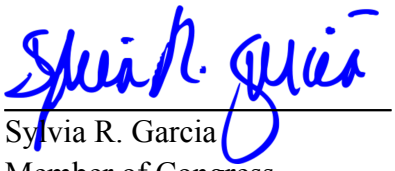
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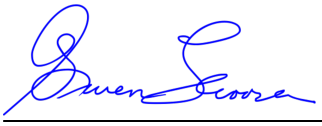
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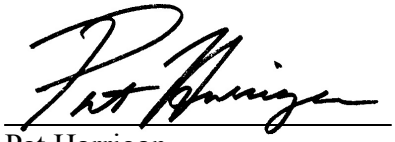
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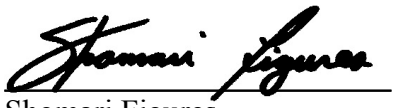
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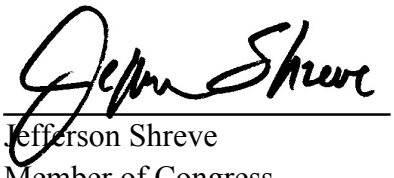
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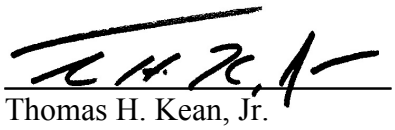
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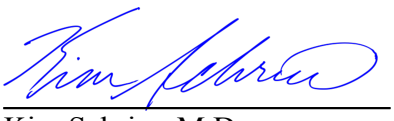
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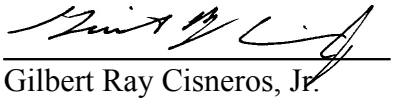
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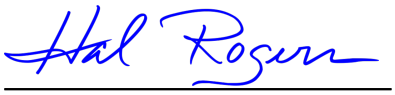
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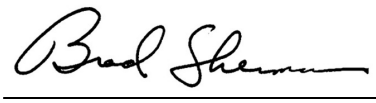
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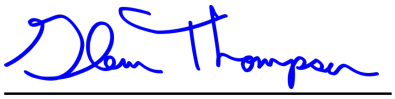
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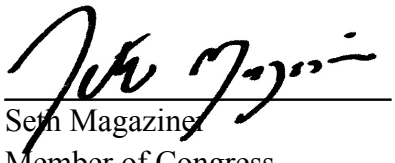
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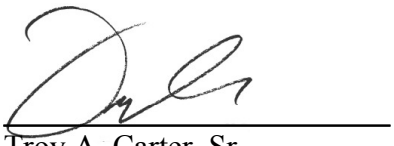
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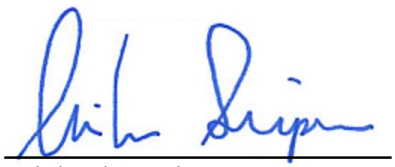
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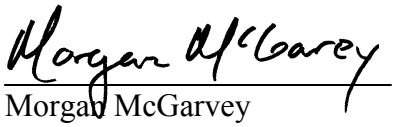
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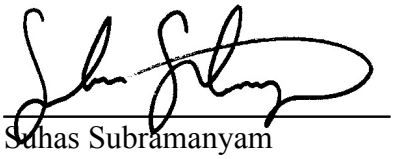
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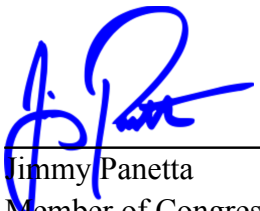
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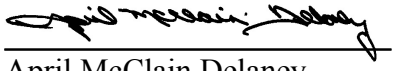
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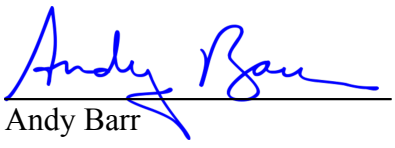
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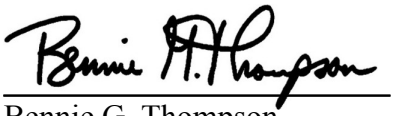
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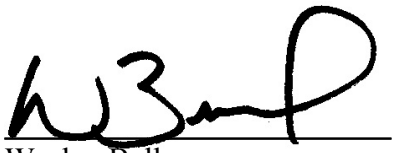
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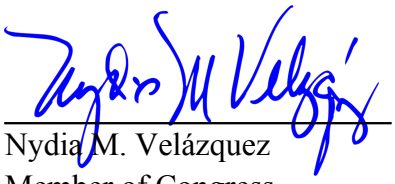
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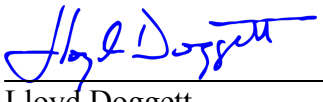
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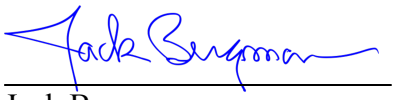
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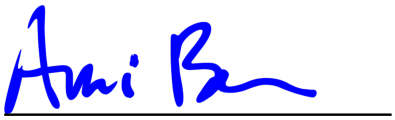
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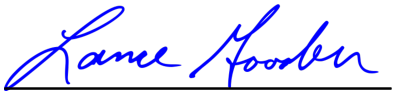
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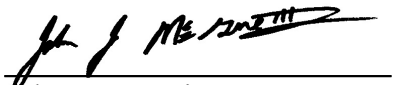
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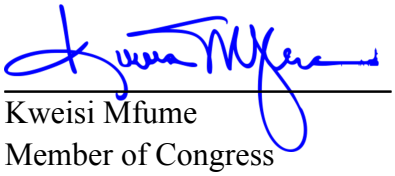
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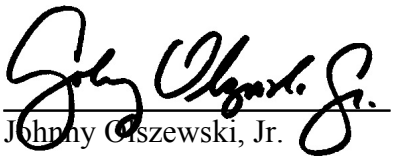
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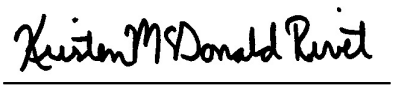
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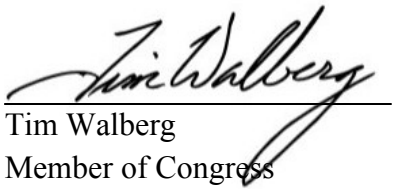
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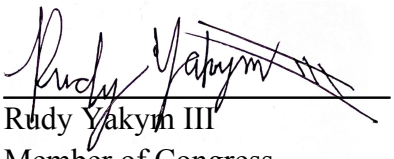
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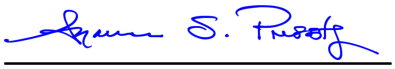
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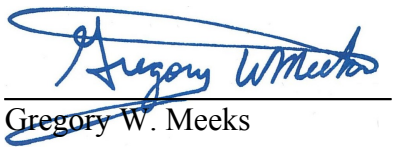
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