

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

May 13, 2005

The Honorable Frank R. Wolf  
Chairman  
House Appropriations Subcommittee on  
Science, State, Justice and Commerce  
H-309 US Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Alan B. Mollohan  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Subcommittee on  
Science, State, Justice and Commerce  
1016 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Wolf and Ranking Member Mollohan:

With more than four million jobs, created in more than 8,000 communities, and in excess of \$130 billion in private-sector investment, the Economic Development Administration (EDA) stands as a model for communities struggling to adapt and overcome economic hardships brought on by natural disasters, manufacturing plant closings and a new world economy. According to the Department of Commerce, EDA investment in 2003 created over 100,000 jobs and leveraged \$10 billion in private sector funds. **It is for these reasons we strongly urge the Committee to maintain and preserve funding for EDA in its fiscal year 2006 spending bill.**

As a recipient of the prestigious Balanced Scorecard Hall of Fame Award, EDA serves as a model of performance-driven management and is now recognized as one of the top performers in the federal government. In addition, of the federal government's 35 economic and community development programs, EDA has been among the highest scorers when evaluated by the Office of Management and Budget's Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART). In short, EDA delivers results like few other federal agencies.

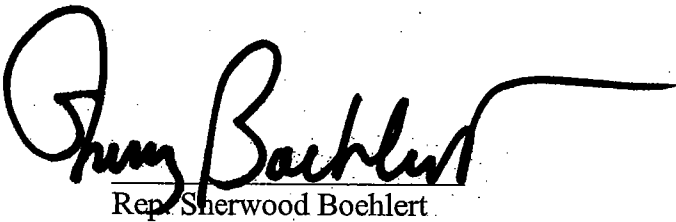
Recent independent evaluations of the agency have found that EDA projects are completed on-time, leverage a government-leading ratio of private sector investment, and lead the way in creating and retaining quality private sector jobs at minimal taxpayer expense. The primary reasons for these results are that EDA project investments originate from a stringent and strategic comprehensive economic development process implemented by a national network of economic development districts. With only modest federal investment, these multi-county organizations leverage additional public and private sector resources to establish the professional capacity, skills, and partnerships for distressed communities to create jobs.

By matching the federal share dollar-for-dollar, economic development districts work with communities to pool limited resources to build the expertise and knowledge required to pursue complex and time consuming initiatives and projects. EDA funding helps communities assemble financing packages to expand the public infrastructure necessary to support private sector development or establish revolving loan funds to build and retain private sector jobs.

Congress' recent reauthorization of EDA reaffirmed the important role the agency plays in effectively transforming communities stricken by blight, poverty, and job loss into engines of economic growth and prosperity. The achievements of EDA should be rewarded with funding sufficient to fulfill its mission, not eliminated as proposed by the administration. **EDA has proved its worth by creating jobs, building infrastructure, and strengthening communities people can be proud to call home.**

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration of our request.

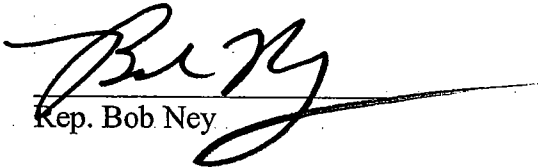
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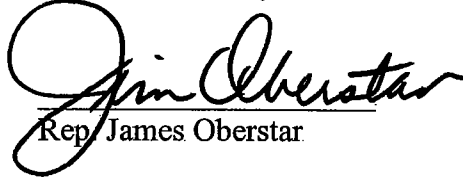
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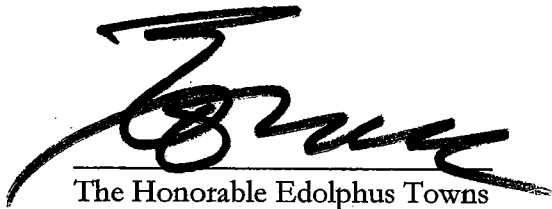
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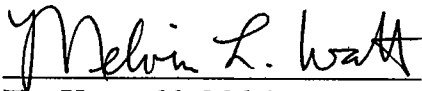
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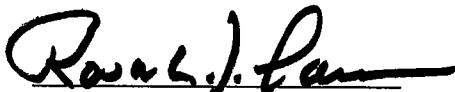
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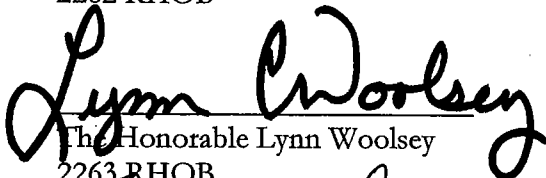
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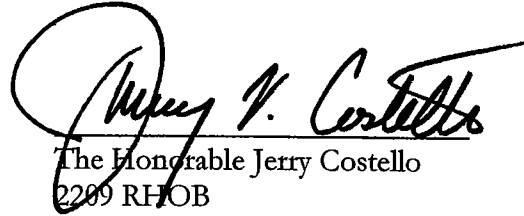
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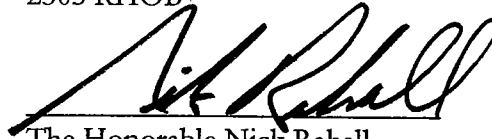


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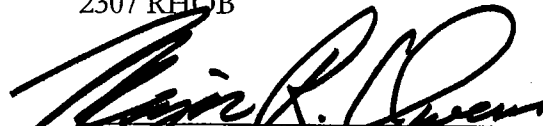


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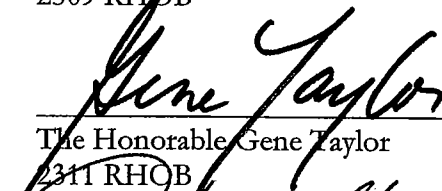
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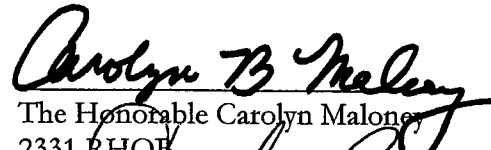
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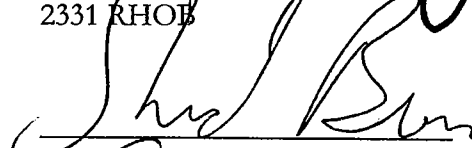
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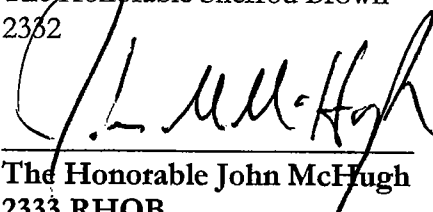
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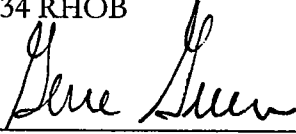
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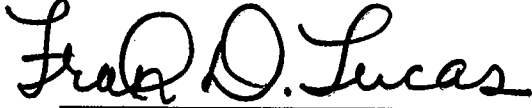
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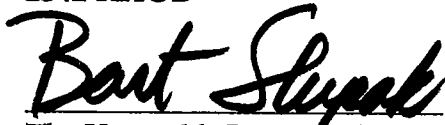
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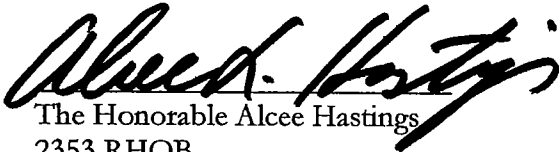
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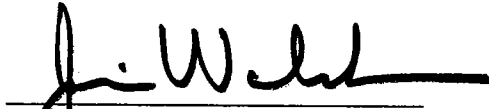
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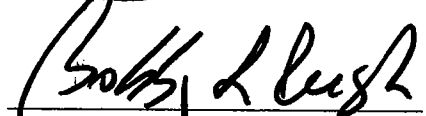
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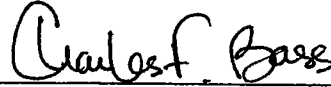
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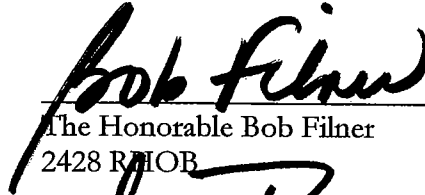
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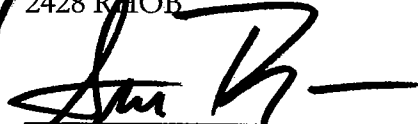
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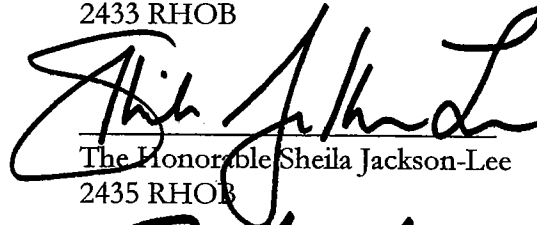
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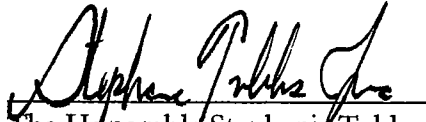
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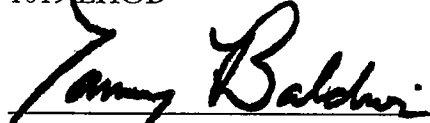
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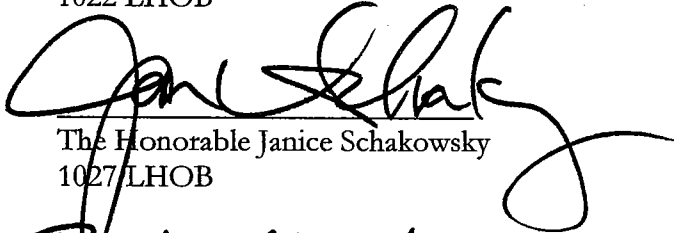
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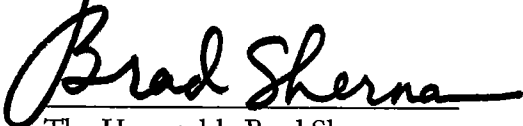
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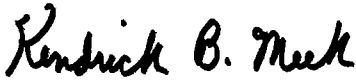
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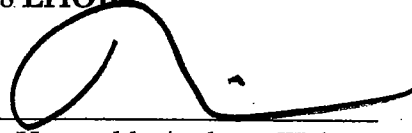
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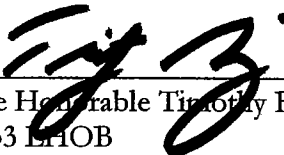
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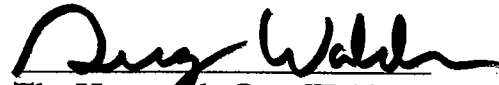
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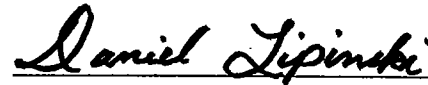
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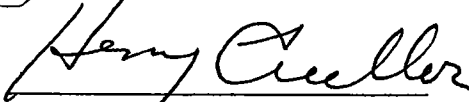
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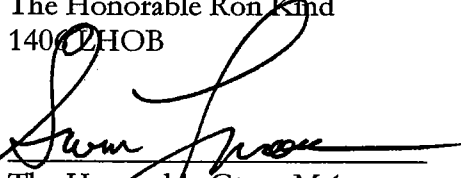
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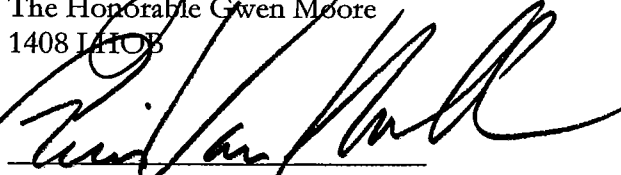
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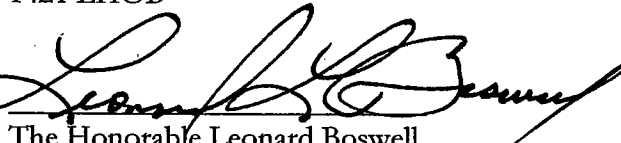
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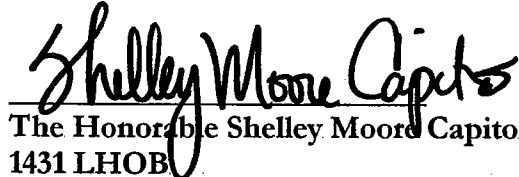
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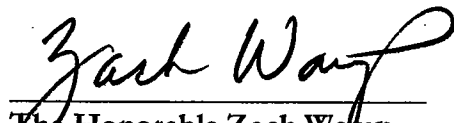
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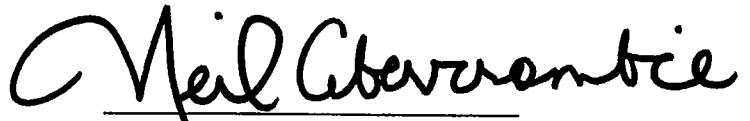
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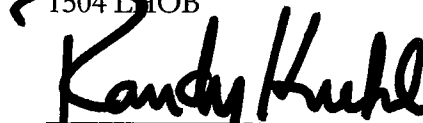
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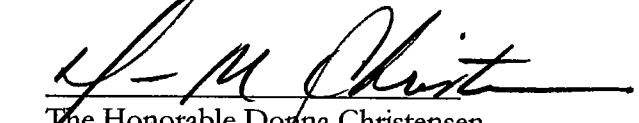
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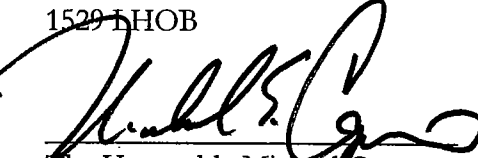
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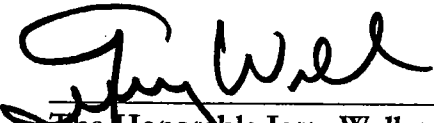
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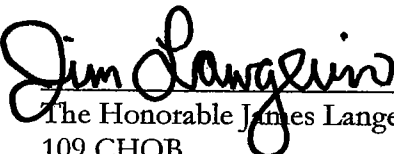
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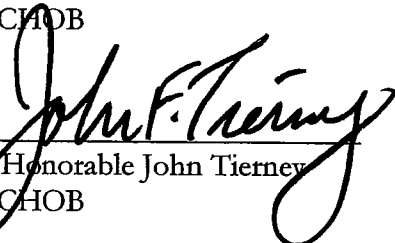
  
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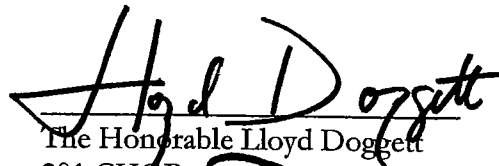
  
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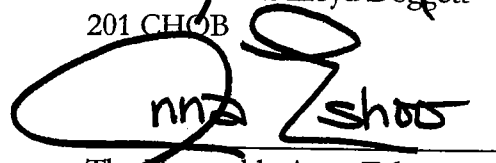
  
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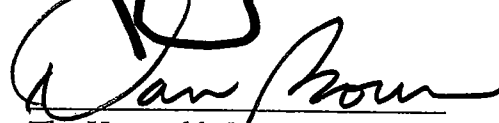
  
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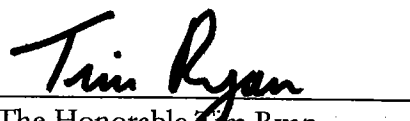
  
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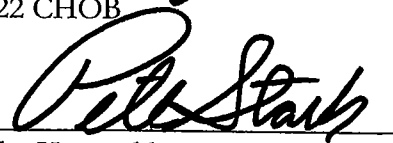
  
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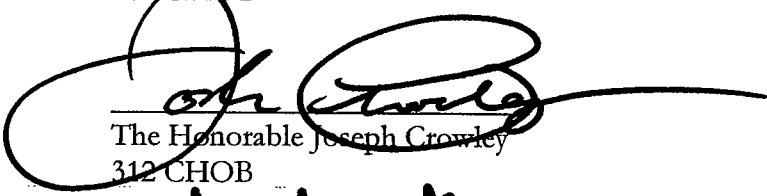
  
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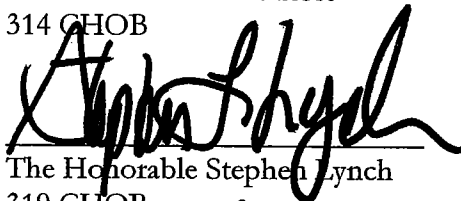
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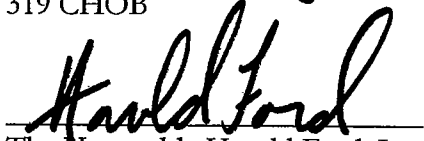
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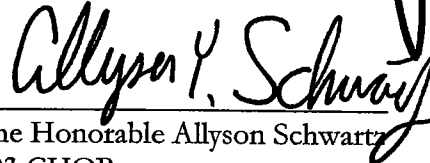
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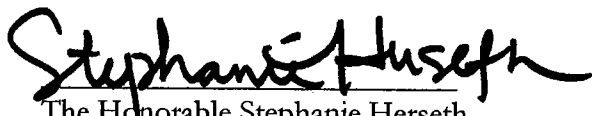
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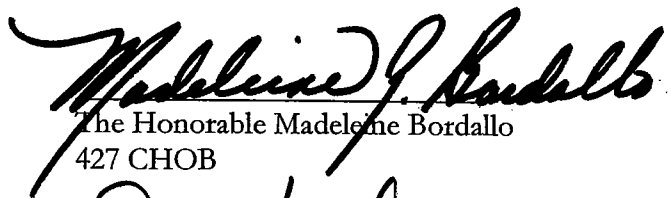
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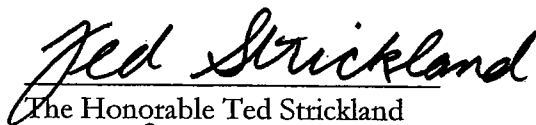
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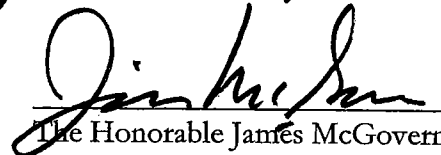
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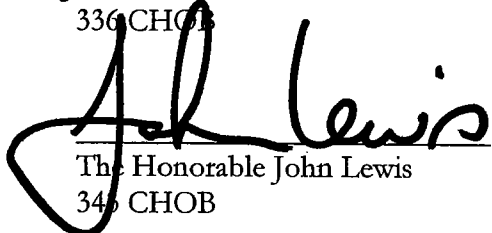
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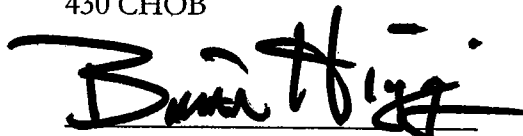
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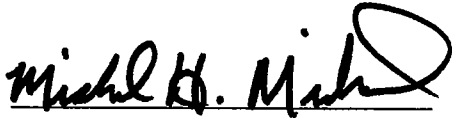


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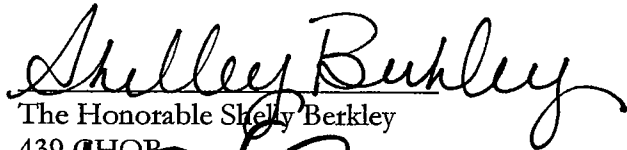


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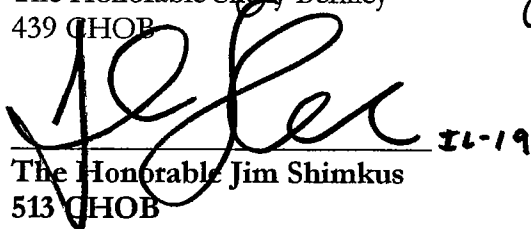
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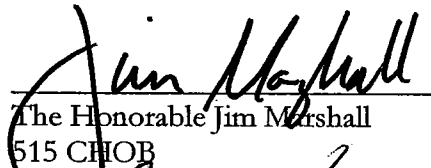
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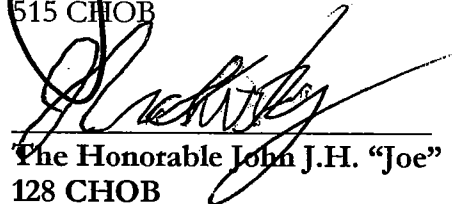
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