

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

July 26, 2006

His Excellency Hu Jintao
President, People's Republic of China
Zhongnanhai
Xichengqu (West City District), Beijing City
People's Republic of China

Dear President Hu:

As you are aware, at the end of May of this year, three children of Ms. Rebiya Kadeer were arrested and two of them reportedly brutally beaten up, while other family members were temporarily detained and severely threatened and intimidated. Our government had protested these actions of your security authorities at the highest levels, and has sought the release of Ms. Kadeer's children. In clear rejection of the entreaties of the U.S. government, your security forces have detained an additional family member, Kahar Abdureyim, on Tuesday, June 13th in Asku, Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region.

We protest these arrests in the strongest possible terms, and strongly urge you to immediately and unconditionally release Ms. Kadeer's three children, Alim Abdureyim, Ablikim Abdureyim, and Kahar Abdureyim. While Ms. Kadeer's grandchildren Sedar and Chepar, as well as her relatives Keyser, Rayile and Turghun, and Ms. Kadeer's daughter, Roshangul Abdureyim, were released, we continue to be seriously concerned about their safety and well-being.

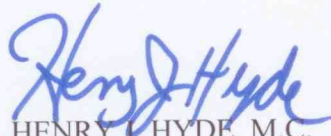
Authorities in Xinjiang initially detained Ms. Kadeer's children on May 30, 2006. While briefly released into house arrest, Ms. Kadeer's children and grandchildren, as well as other relatives, were subsequently taken away from their home in a minibus and taken to an isolated desert road outside of Urumqi city. There, Ms. Kadeer's sons were brutally beaten, resulting in the hospitalization of her son Ablikim, and the arrests of her son Alim and daughter Roshangul. Subsequently, Ms. Kadeer's daughter Roshangul and her grandchildren were released, but may remain under house arrest. Ms. Kadeer's sons Alim and Ablikim are reportedly being held at Tianshan Regional Prison, Urumqi, Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region.

On June 13th, Kahar Abdureyim was formally charged with alleged tax evasion and failure to cooperate with a police investigation, Ablikim with alleged conspiracy to overthrow the government, and Alim with alleged tax evasion and creation of a movement to divide the country. In light of the threats made by your security forces against Ms. Kadeer's family should Ms. Kadeer seek to play an active advocacy role for the rights of Uyghurs upon her release to the United States after her own imprisonment, these claims by your government are simply not credible. Under no circumstances were the actions taken against Ms. Kadeer's grandchildren, as well as the violence used against Ms. Kadeer's children, justified. We strongly believe that the treatment of Ms. Kadeer's

family members violates the protections afforded to Chinese citizens under their own Constitution and the international treaties and conventions to which China is a party.

Mr. President, the latest arrest and the continued imprisonment of Ms. Kadeer's family members, as well as the excessive force used against them, are entirely unacceptable behavior of a country which has called the nations of this world to come together in Beijing in the spirit of friendship and peace for the 2008 Olympics. Again, we strongly urge you to release Ms. Kadeer's children immediately and unconditionally, and to ensure the safety and well-being of her grandchildren and other relatives, which must be independently verifiable.

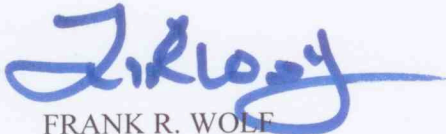
Sincerely,



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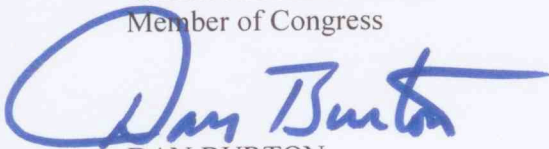
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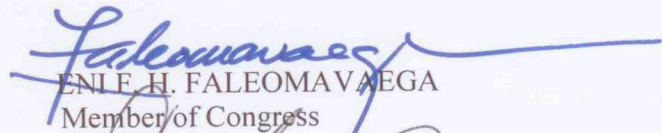
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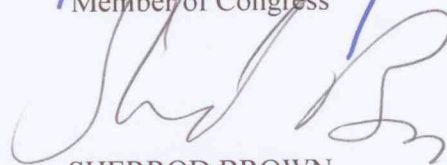
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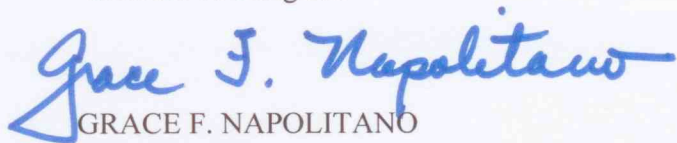
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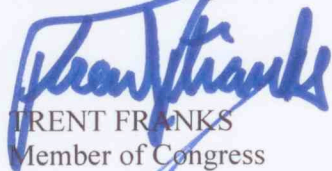
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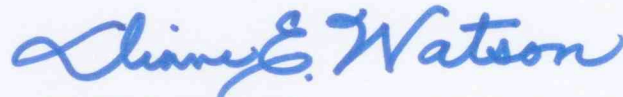
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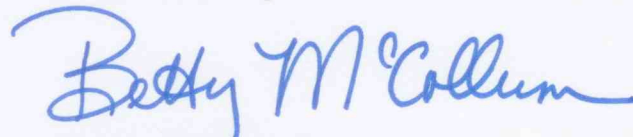
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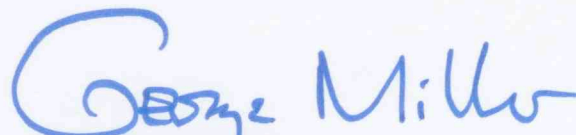
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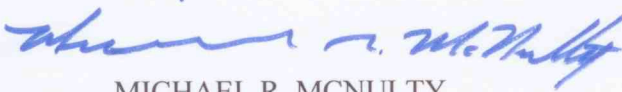
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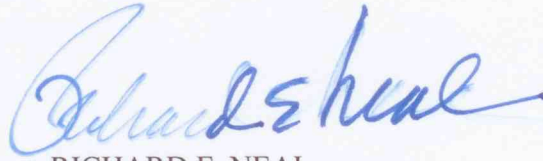
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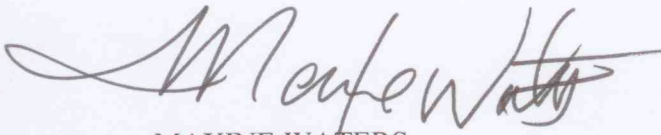
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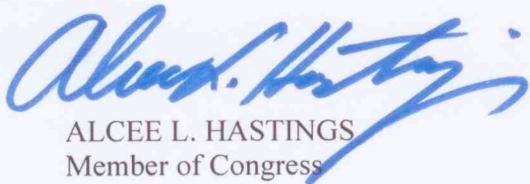
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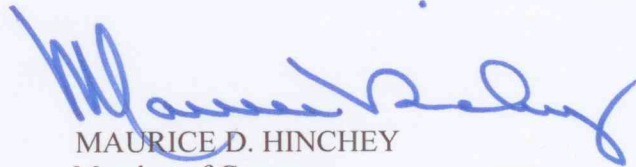
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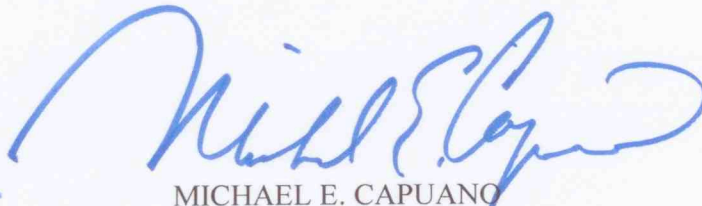
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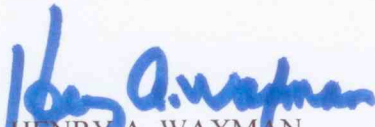
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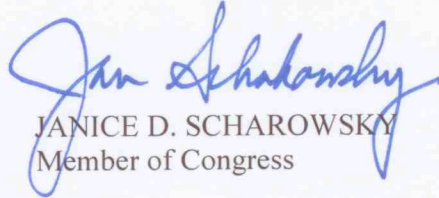
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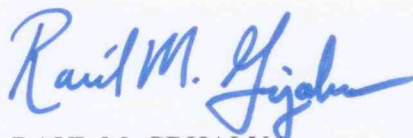
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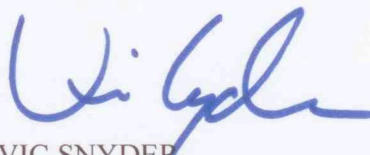
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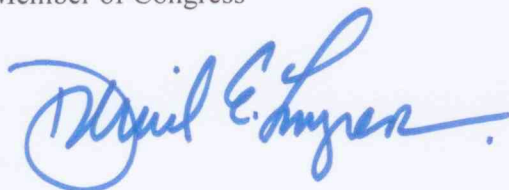
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