

Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20515

September 23, 2005

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman  
Secretary  
United States Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue SW  
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman:

Ongoing volatility in the nation's energy markets, coupled with continued tension in the Middle East and the impact of Hurricane Katrina on a significant portion of our petroleum supply and distribution network, clearly demonstrates the need for our nation to diversify our national energy portfolio and develop alternative sources of energy that will lead us to a secure and independent energy future.

We were glad to see that the recently passed Energy Policy Act of 2005 (PL 109-58) takes important steps toward fostering the development of hydrogen fuel cell technologies. The funding authorized in the bill for research and development, demonstration projects, transition to market activities, codes and standards, and reports will play a critical role in the future of the hydrogen fuel cell industry. In particular, we would like to emphasize the important role of research and development to overcome technological hurdles on the road to a hydrogen economy.

We strongly support robust funding for these programs and are hopeful that the Department of Energy observes the spirit and letter of the law by requesting full funding for these programs as the Department submits its budget for the 2007 fiscal year. Undoubtedly, hydrogen fuel cell technologies will help our nation diversify its energy mix, strengthen the integrity of the electrical grid, move toward pollution-free transportation, and ultimately free our nation from the grips of foreign sources of energy.

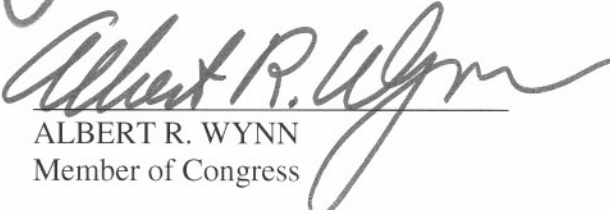
We thank you for considering our request and your continued support of hydrogen fuel cells.

Sincerely,

  
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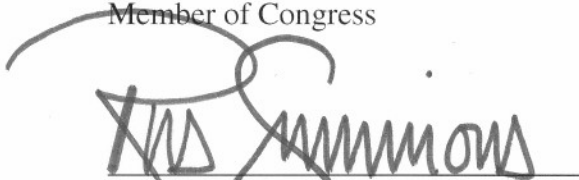
  
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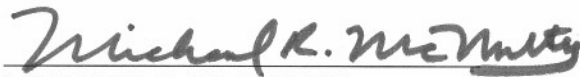
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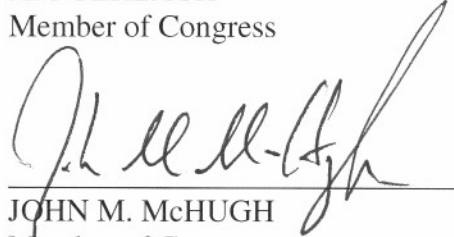
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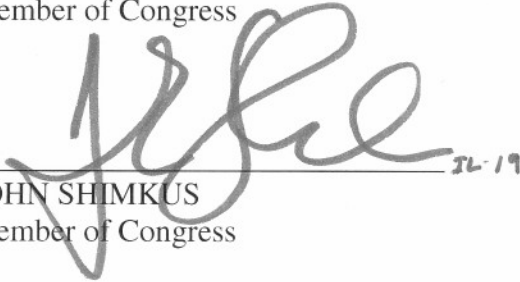
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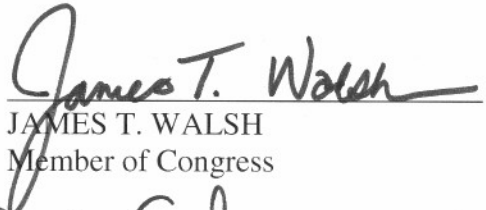
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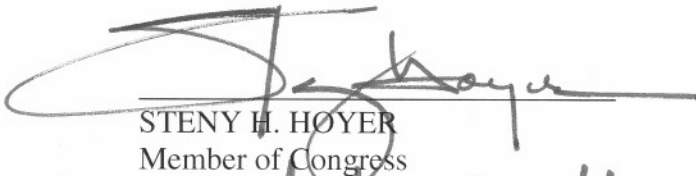
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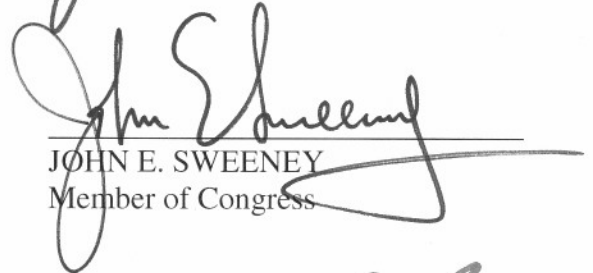
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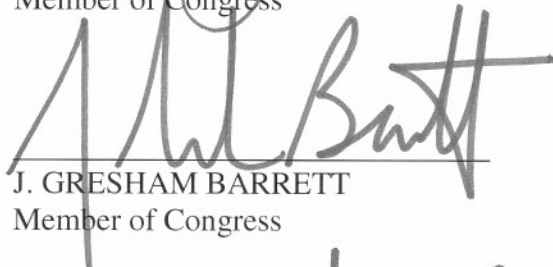
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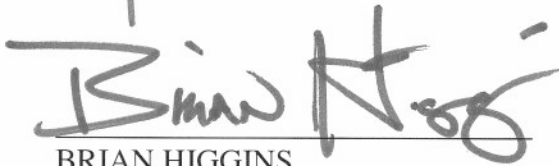
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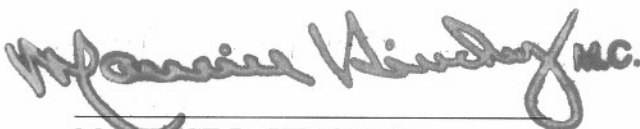
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