

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
Washington, DC 20515

April 27, 2010

Angela Braly  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Wellpoint, Inc.  
120 Monument Circle  
Indianapolis, IN 46204-4903

Dear Ms. Braly:

We write to express our deep concern regarding recent media accounts indicating that WellPoint has engaged in systematic targeting and rescission of coverage of policyholders recently diagnosed with breast cancer. Specifically, last week's report from Reuters noted that your company has used a computer algorithm that automatically targets "policyholders recently diagnosed with breast cancer" in order to trigger an "immediate fraud investigation" leading to a cancellation of policies based on "either erroneous or flimsy information."

This recent report is the latest in a chain of disturbing reports about the practice of rescission. In 2009, Wellpoint reported to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce that it had saved \$128.9 million as a result of rescissions between 2003 and 2007. At a June 16, 2009 hearing of the Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, Brian Sassi, president and CEO of the Consumer Business Unit for WellPoint, Inc., refused to commit that Wellpoint would never rescind another policy unless there was intentional fraud or misrepresentation on the application, citing inconsistent state laws on rescission.

As you know, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act specifies that rescission of policies except in case of fraud or misrepresentation of material fact will be illegal as of September 23, 2010.

This year alone, an estimated 192,000 American women will be diagnosed with breast cancer. Consumers who have consistently paid their premiums and who have obtained their coverage in good faith deserve the security of the health insurance they paid for should they become ill.

We therefore urge WellPoint to act immediately to end the deplorable practice of cancelling health insurance coverage for patients diagnosed with breast cancer or any other illness.


Sincerely,





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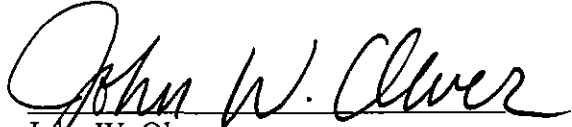


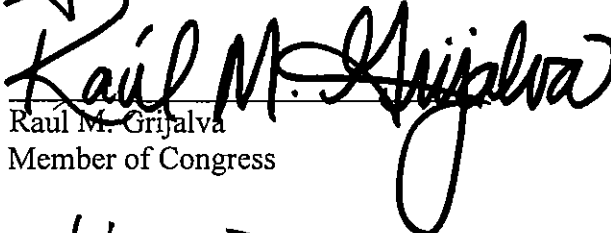
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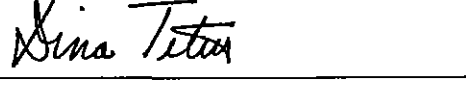
  
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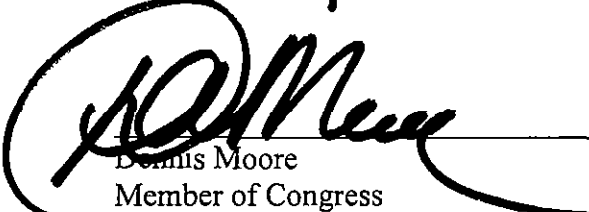
  
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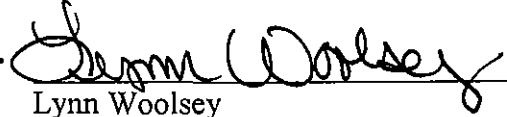
  
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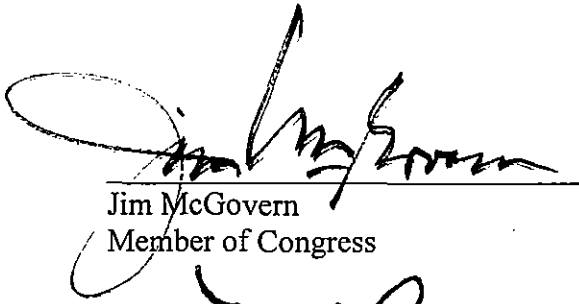
  
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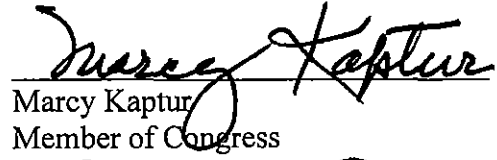
  
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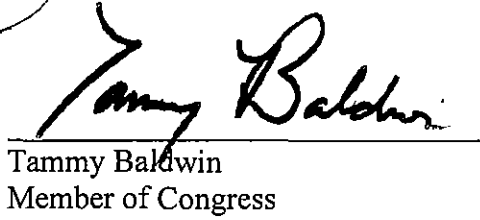
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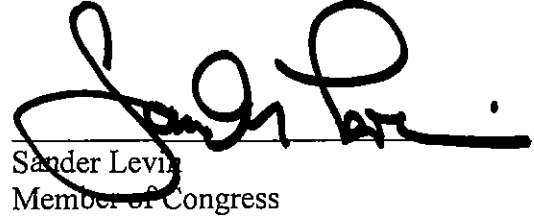
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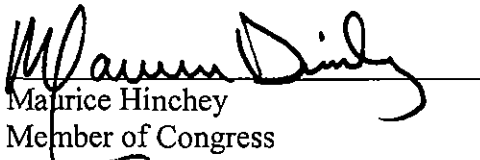
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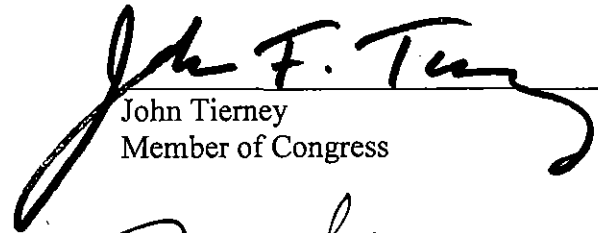
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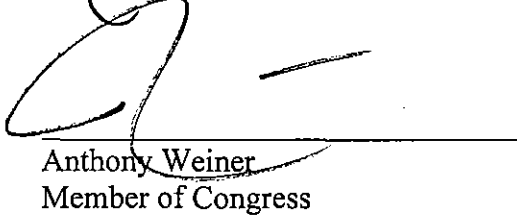
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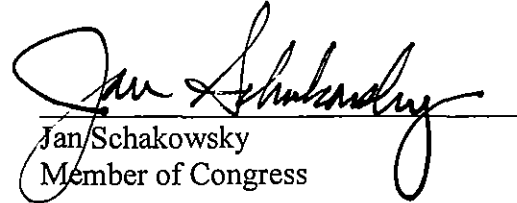
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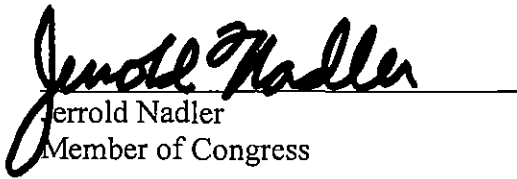
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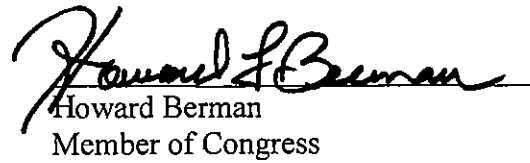
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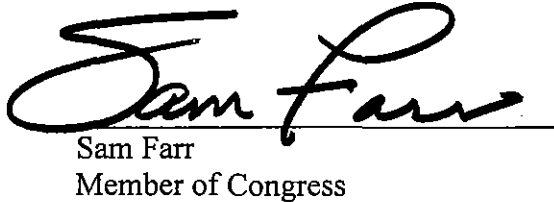
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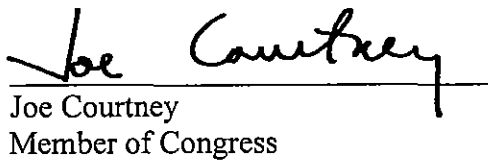
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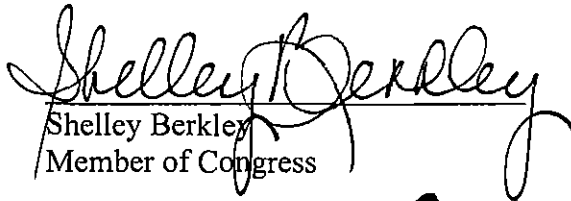
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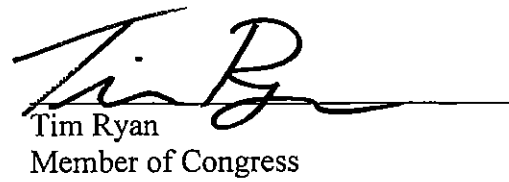
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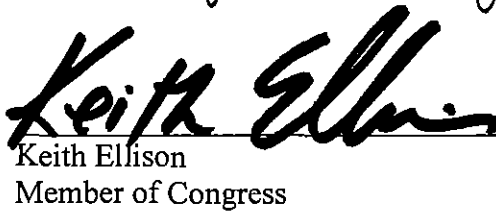
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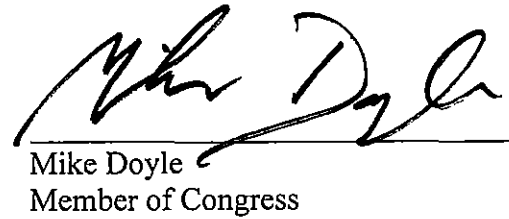
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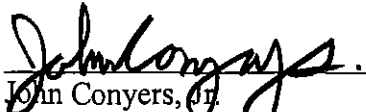
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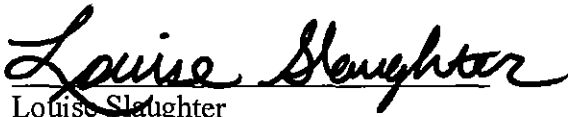
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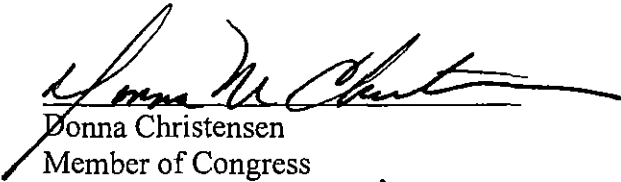
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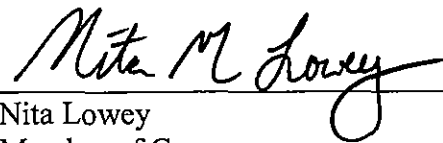
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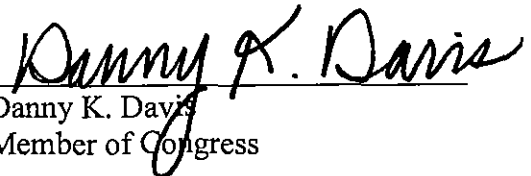
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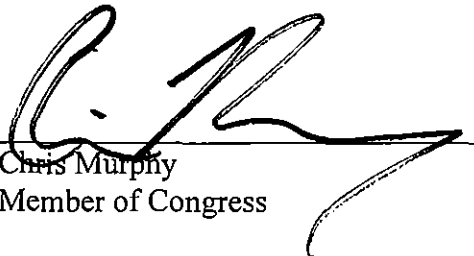
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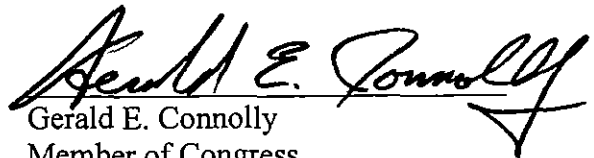
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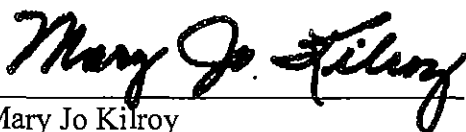
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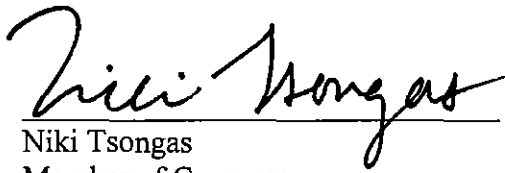
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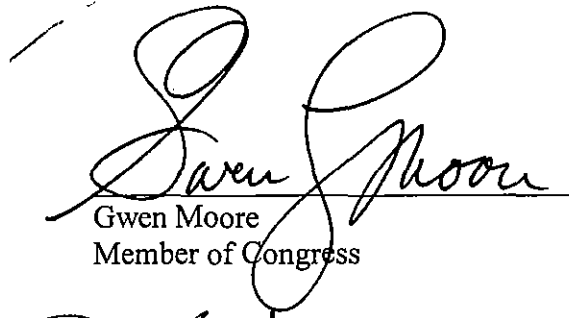
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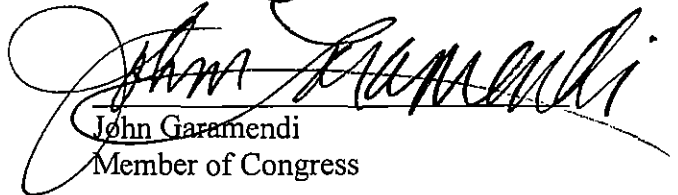
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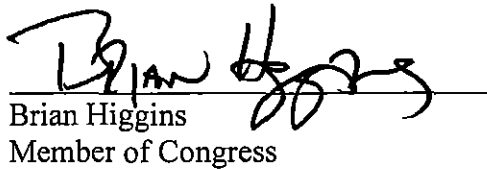
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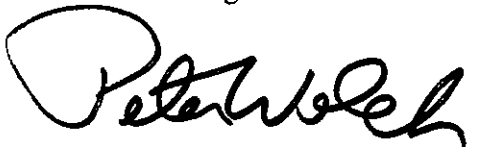
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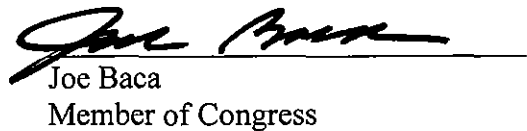
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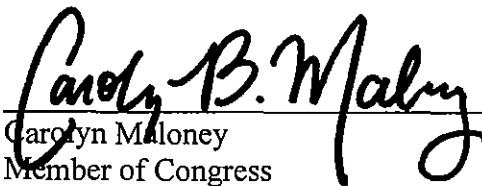
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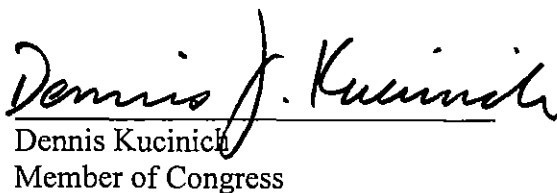
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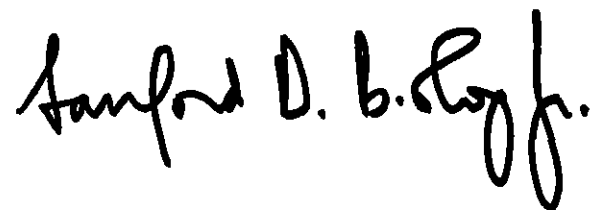
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