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Washington, DC 20515

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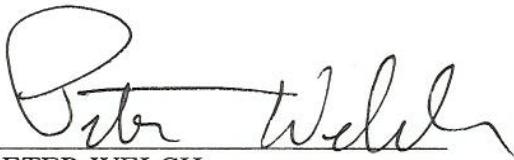
Dear Mr. President:

We strongly believe the Keystone XL tar sands pipeline poses a serious threat to the environment and public health that cannot be mitigated by the benefits of the project. And we fully support your recent decision to extend the ongoing review process.

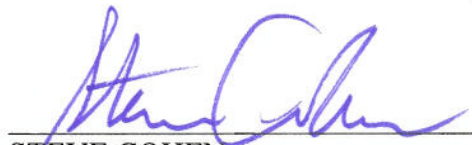
We are disappointed that pay roll tax cut legislation includes an extraneous provision to short circuit the review process. This expedited process will bypass a thorough review of the pipeline's risks and benefits as well as an ongoing investigation of the review by the State Department Inspector General.

We urge you to reject the tar sands pipeline because of this unnecessary and inappropriate short-circuiting of the review process.

Sincerely,



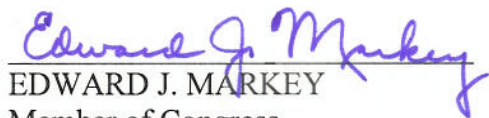
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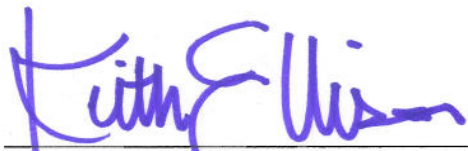
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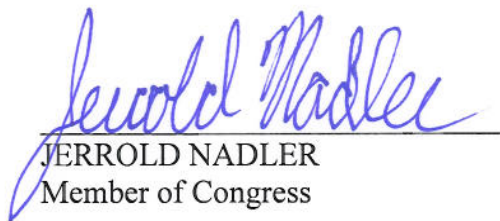
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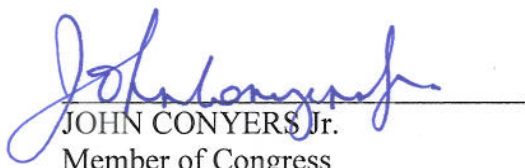
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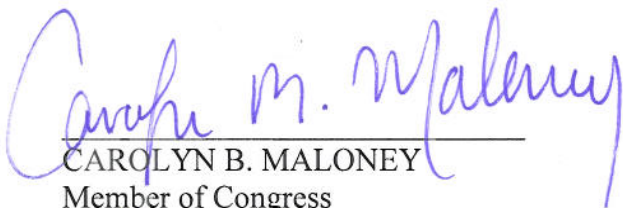
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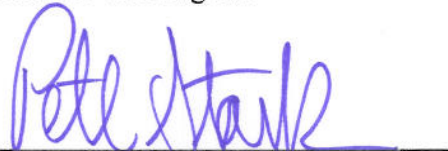
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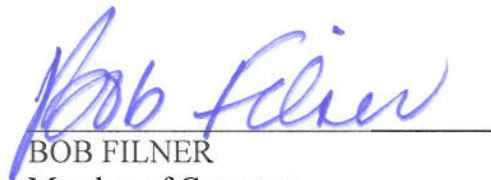
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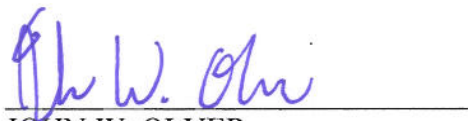
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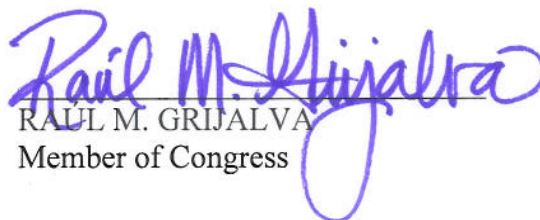
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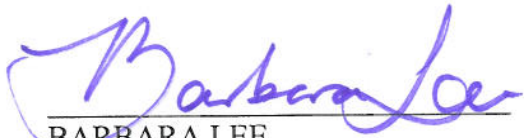
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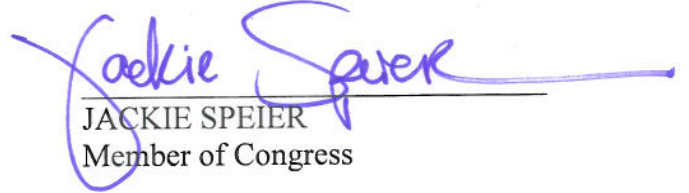
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