

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

June 23, 2010

President Barack Obama  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Obama:

We write in strong support of your goal to double U.S. exports over the next five years and applaud the focus in your trade agenda on the role trade can play in spurring job creation and economic recovery. We fully agree with you that “American exports will be critical to the creation and support of new American jobs” and that “America cannot reach its full potential for generating jobs without selling more goods and services globally.”

The Department of the Treasury estimates that over 50 million Americans are employed by firms that benefit from exports. One in five manufacturing jobs depends on exports and one in every three acres on American farms is planted for export markets, according to the Departments of Commerce and Agriculture. Whether businesses are large, medium, or small, studies show that firms that export tend to grow faster, hire more, and pay better wages than those that do not.

As you rightly note, to “improve American prosperity, we must match other countries in seeking new international markets aggressively” and “protect American competitiveness and creativity with all the tools of trade policy.” With 95 percent of the world’s customers already outside of the United States and 87 percent of world growth over the next five years forecast to take place beyond our borders, the Administration’s plans to bolster U.S. exports of goods and services, address unfair trade practices which disadvantage our producers in the global marketplace, and to protect U.S. intellectual property rights must include an emphasis on further opening existing markets and engaging new markets. We are encouraged by the Administration’s participation in the Trans-Pacific Partnership negotiations, and emphasis on enforcement of existing trade agreements, and urge a continued focus on seeking new market access in order to grow exports, create jobs, and ensure that America can remain competitive in the global economy.

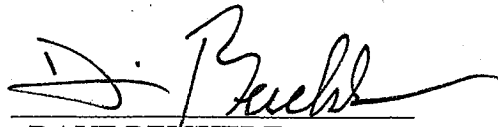
Furthermore, if America stands still on trade, we risk falling behind. As you emphasized in your first State of the Union address, “If America sits on the sidelines while other nations sign trade deals, we will lose the chance to create jobs on our shores.” Other countries, such as the European Union and Canada, have completed trade agreement negotiations with a number of countries. We share your belief that the pending trade agreements with South Korea, Colombia, and Panama can bring significant economic and strategic benefits, and we urge you to expedite your work to resolve outstanding issues, so that these FTAs have the support necessary for Congressional approval.

We stand with you as willing partners to create and advance a robust trade policy that strengthens relations with key allies, restores the bipartisan consensus on international economic engagement, fosters U.S. innovation and creativity, ensures a level playing field, and above all, puts more Americans back to work.

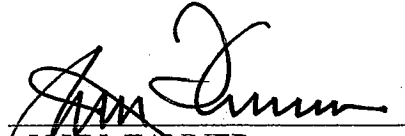
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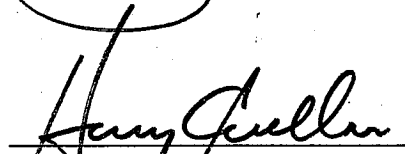
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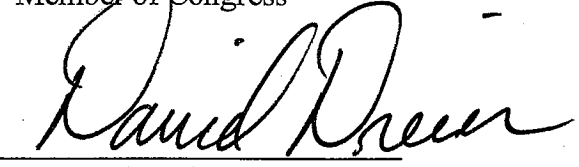
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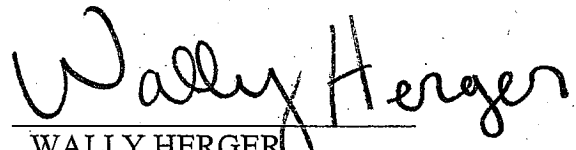
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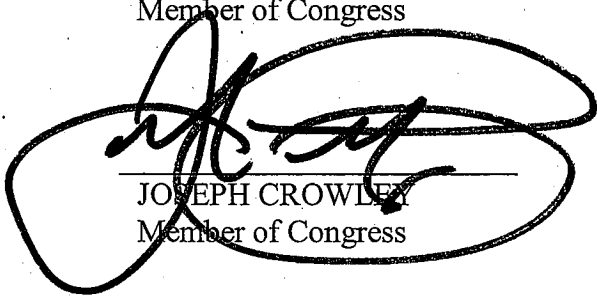
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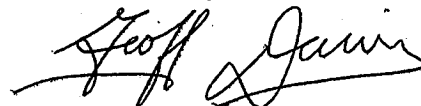
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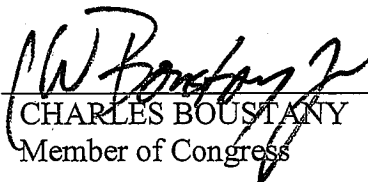
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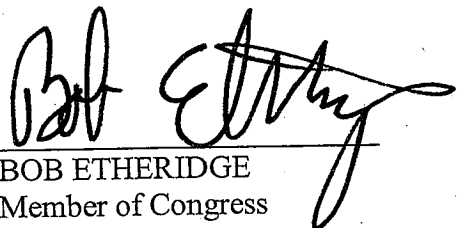
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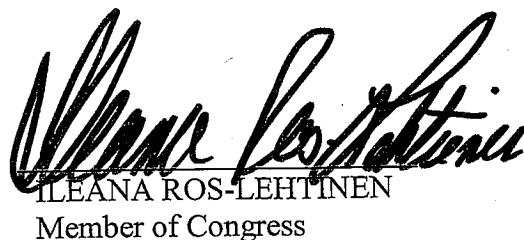


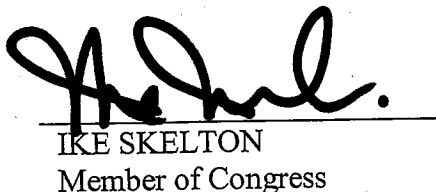
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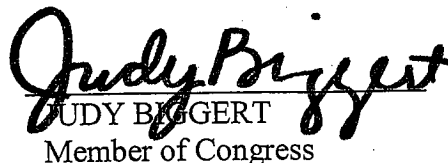


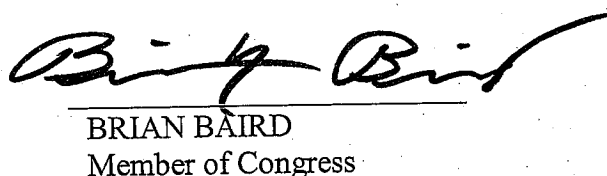
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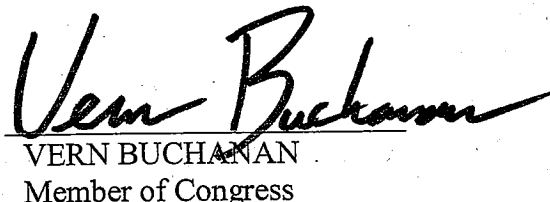
  
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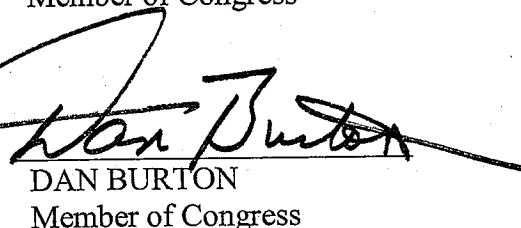
  
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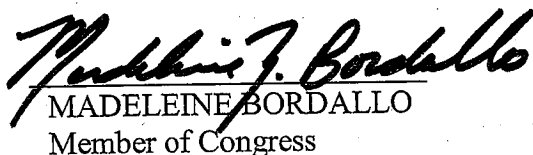
  
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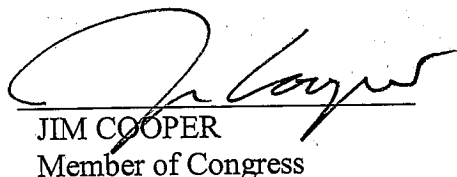
  
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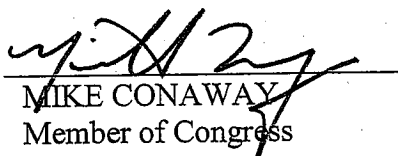
  
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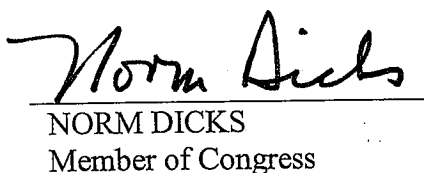
  
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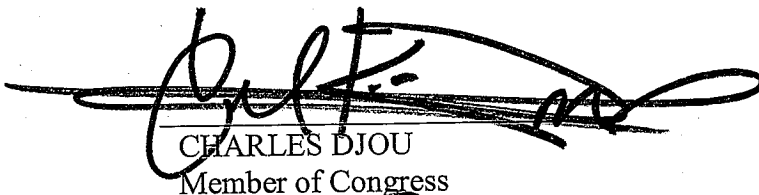
  
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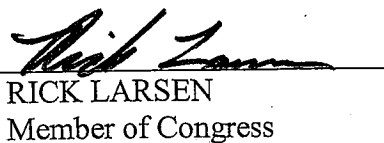
  
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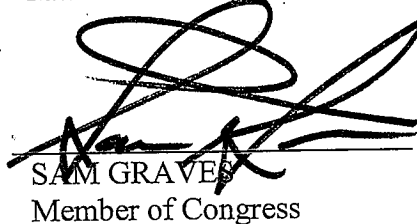
  
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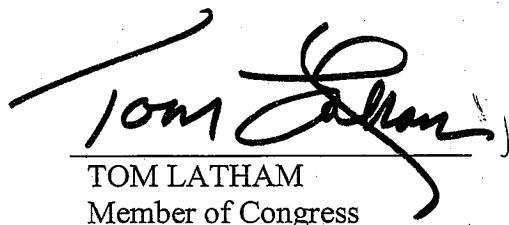
  
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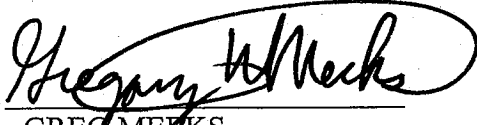
  
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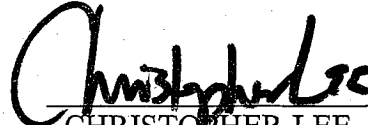
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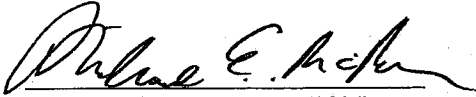
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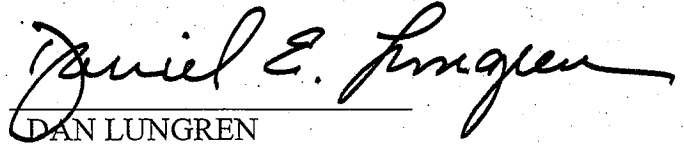
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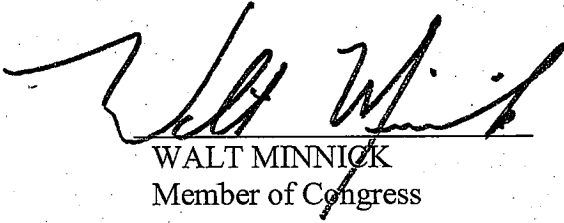
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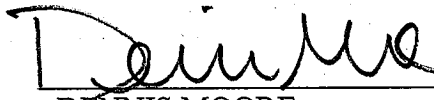
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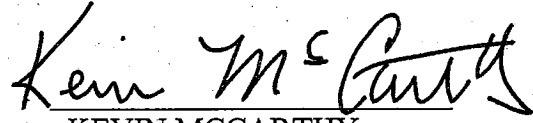
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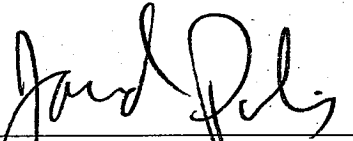
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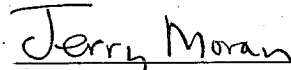
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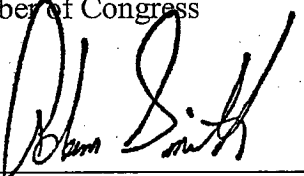
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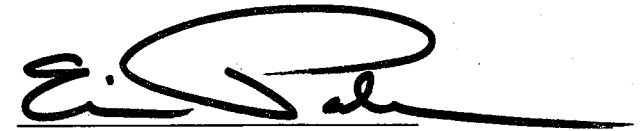
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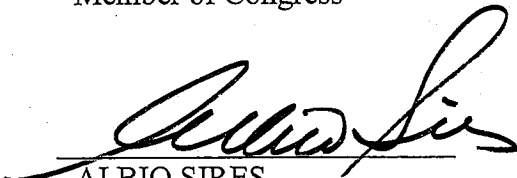
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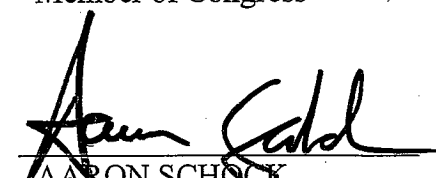
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