

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

October 6, 2011

Senator Patty Murray
Co-Chair, Joint Select Committee
on Deficit Reduction
448 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Congressman Jeb Hensarling
Co-Chair, Joint Select Committee
on Deficit Reduction
129 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Murray and Congressman Hensarling:

We are facing a crisis of unemployment, with 14 million Americans unemployed, and 25 million underemployed. Unemployment is directly tied to deficit reduction, and it is essential that Congress address this situation. The Joint Select Committee presents the best opportunity for solving this crisis. Reducing unemployment and the deficit are inextricably linked to the nation's future success.

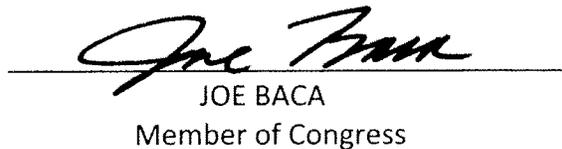
Therefore, it is imperative that the Joint Select Committee take up jobs creation and economic growth, making them subject to the same timelines as the deficit proposals, and a trigger. We respectfully ask that the Joint Select Committee take a vote on this initiative as soon as possible, so that other Committees may submit their proposals for jobs creation by October 14th, which is the same deadline imposed for deficit reduction.

We are at a critical juncture, and the Joint Select Committee needs to act quickly to determine whether to formalize jobs creation and economic growth as part of its responsibilities. We believe this will allow for a vitality of ideas on jobs creation from both parties and will provide the urgency needed to address our jobs crisis, while also reducing the deficit. We thank you for your timely consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



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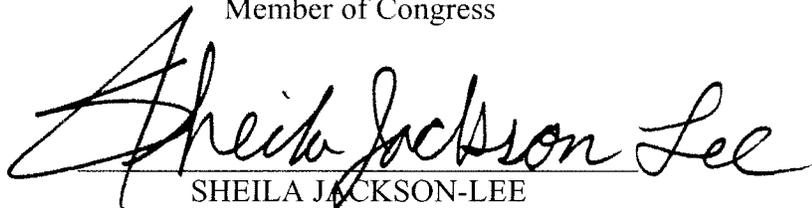
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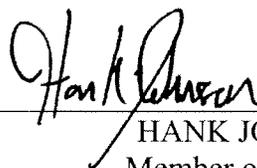
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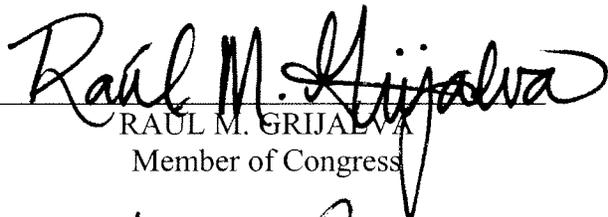
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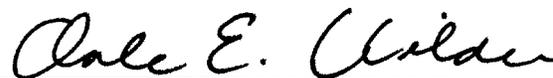
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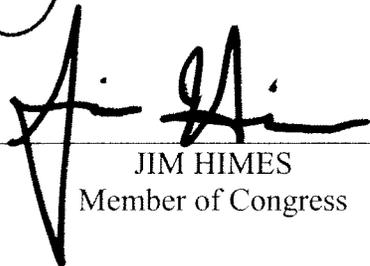
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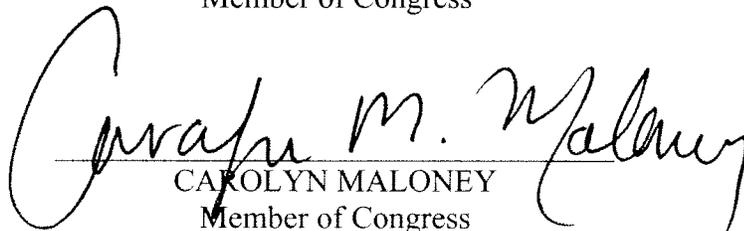
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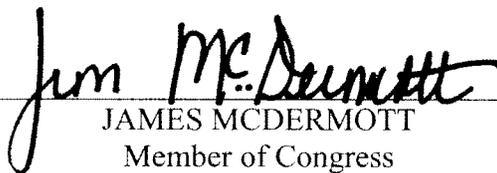
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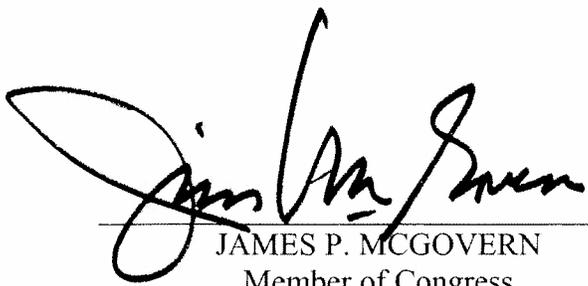
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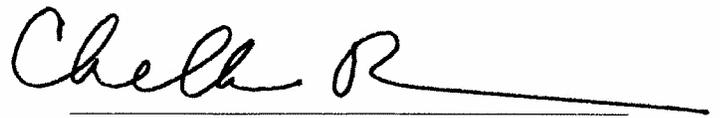
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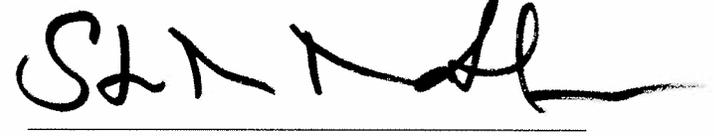
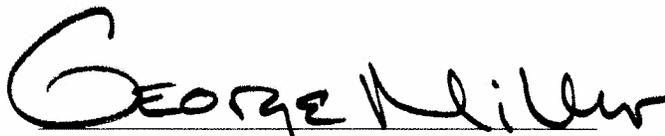
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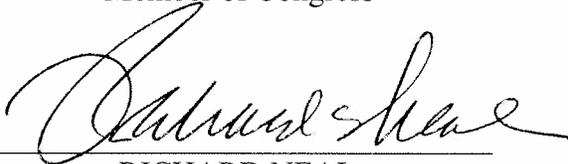
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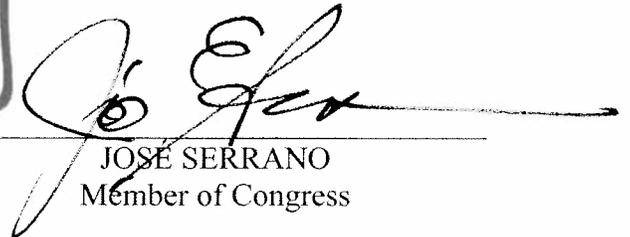
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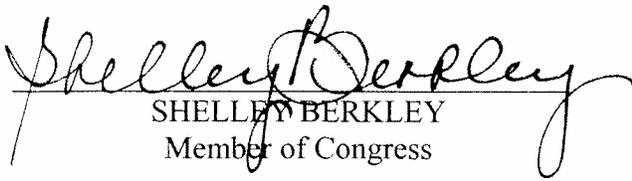
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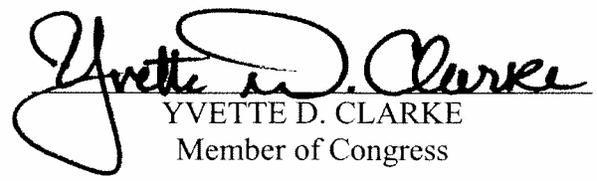


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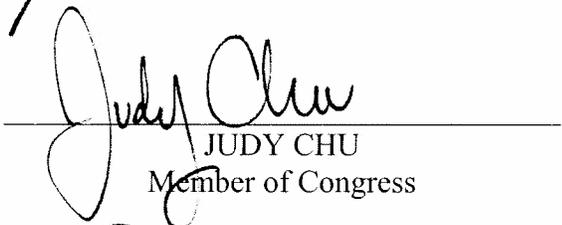

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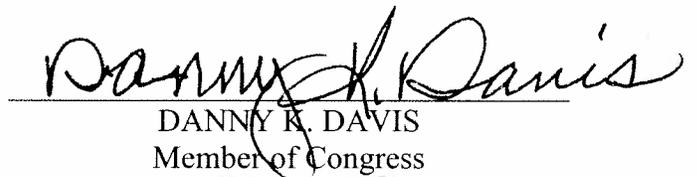

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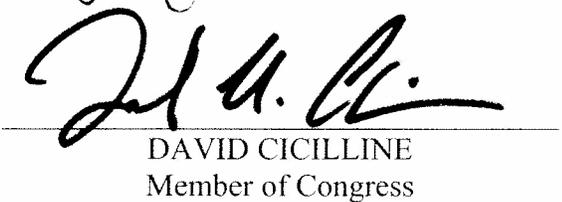

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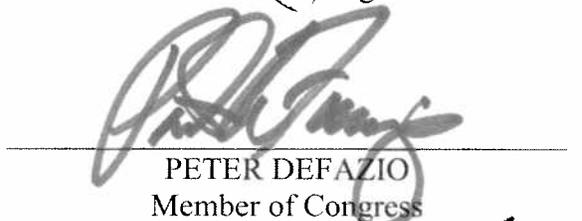

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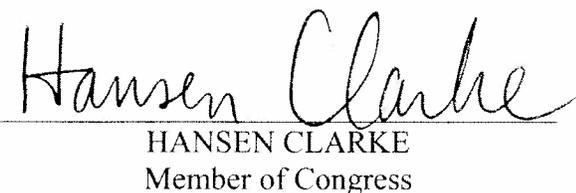

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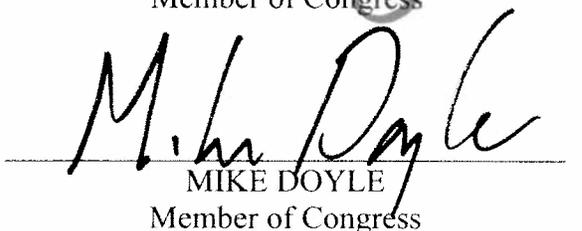

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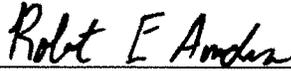

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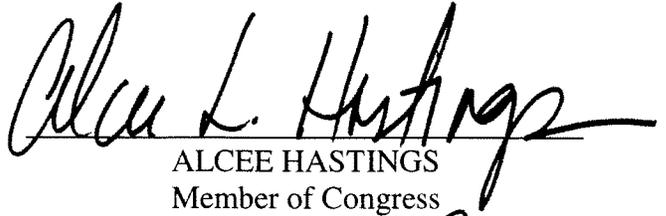
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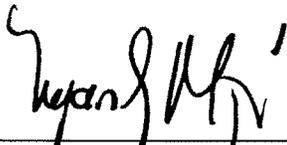
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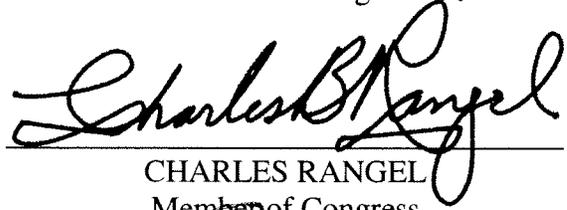
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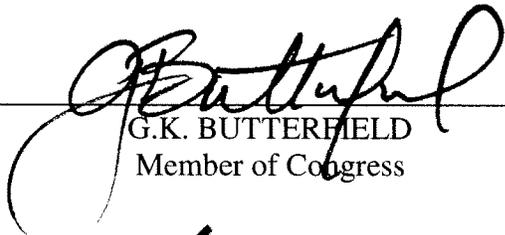
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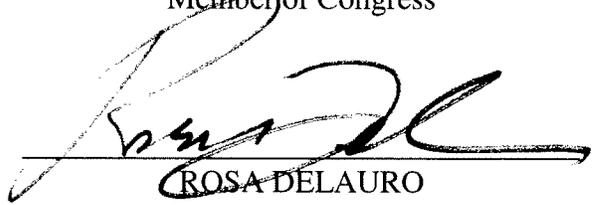
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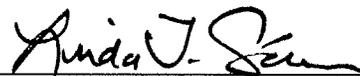
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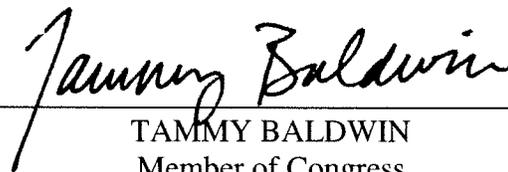
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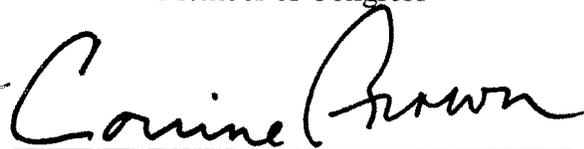
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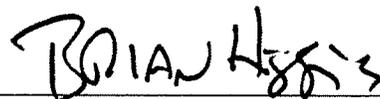
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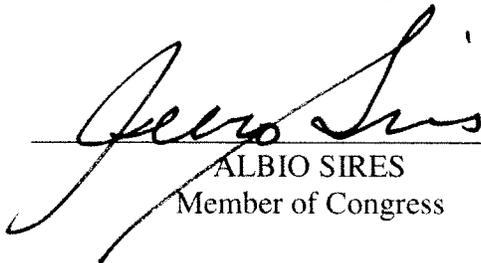
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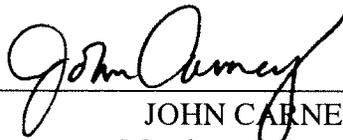
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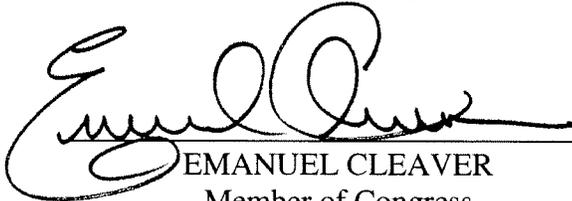
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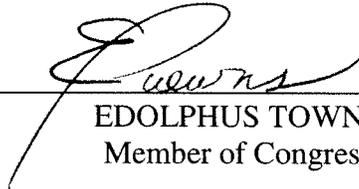
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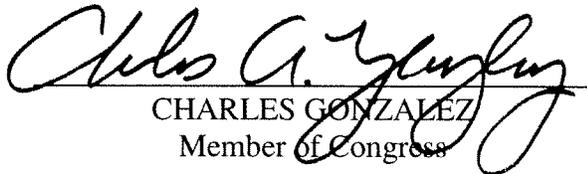
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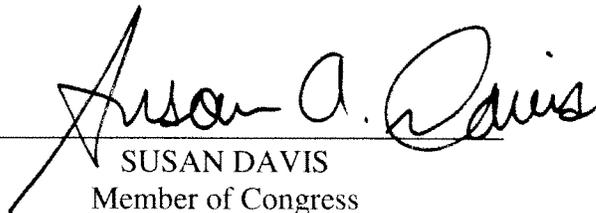
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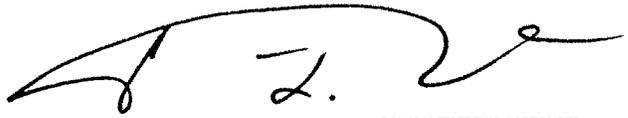
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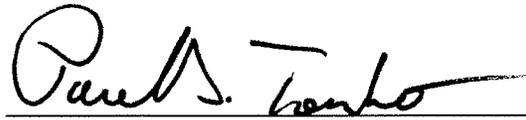
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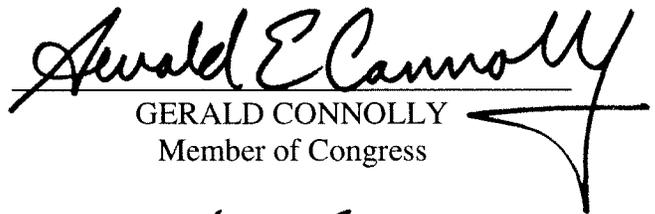
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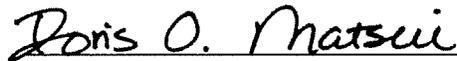
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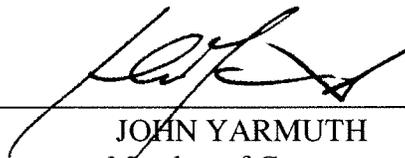
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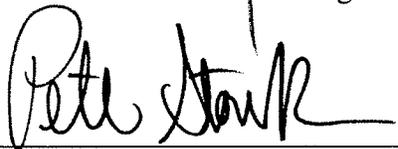
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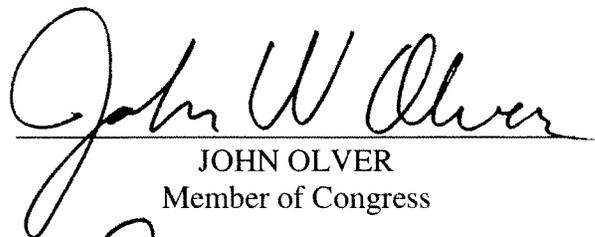
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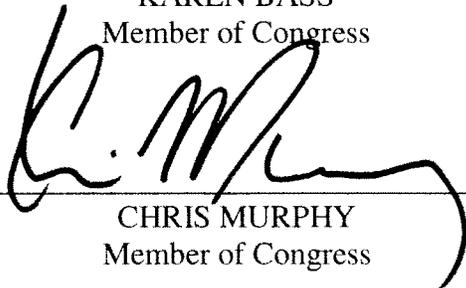
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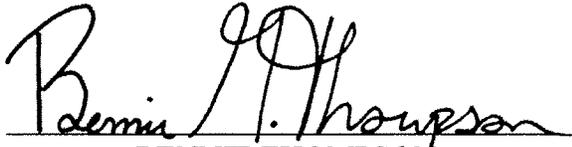
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BENNIE THOMPSON
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