

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

September 28, 2016

The Honorable Paul Ryan  
Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives  
H-232 U.S. Capitol Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Majority Leader, U.S. House of Representatives  
H-107 U.S. Capitol Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Ryan and Leader McCarthy:

In June, House Democrats demanded a vote on the bipartisan 'No Fly-No Buy' bill and comprehensive background check legislation following the tragic shooting at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando which claimed the lives of 49 Americans. Instead of allowing the House to debate and vote on this legislation, the Republican majority decided to adjourn early for a seven week recess.

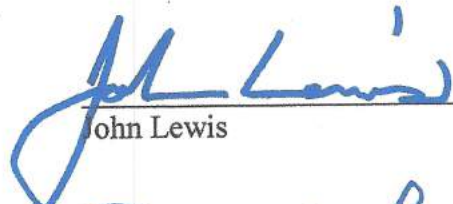
At least 2,015 Americans were killed as a result of gun violence during the August recess. In fact, more than 10,700 Americans have already lost their lives to gun violence this year. Each day 297 Americans are shot in murders, assaults, suicides, attempted suicides, unintentional shootings, and police intervention and almost 30 percent of those victims die from gun-related injuries. Since Congress came back into session on September 6<sup>th</sup>, there have been mass shootings in places like Texas and Washington State. Meanwhile, the Republican majority has refused to even allow a debate on how to address the epidemic of gun violence in our country.

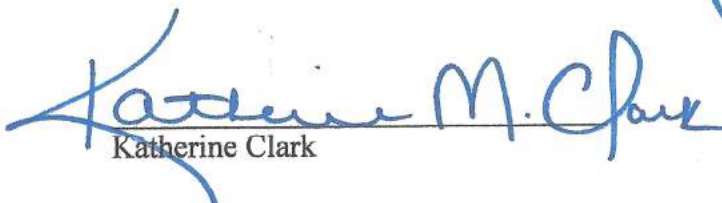
Within a few hours the Republican majority is preparing to adjourn for a six week recess without taking any action on gun safety legislation. When we return to session on November 14th, we will likely be faced with the sad reality that thousands of Americans will have lost their lives to gun violence while members of this body were campaigning for re-election. We strongly urge you to cancel the upcoming recess to debate and vote on responsible gun safety legislation to help save American lives.

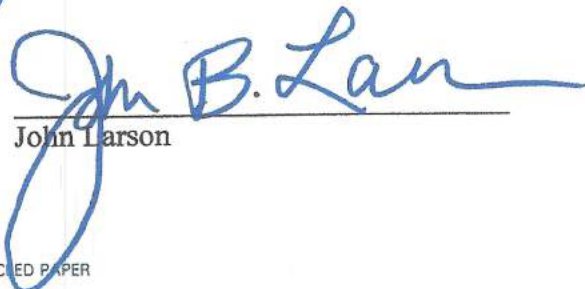
If we adjourn without addressing this issue, thousands of American families will be torn apart over the recess because we failed to act. We ask you to allow a vote on the bipartisan "No Fly, No Buy" legislation, which the Republican nominee for President Donald Trump said he supported in the first presidential debate on September 26<sup>th</sup>. We also ask that you bring the bipartisan comprehensive background check bill to the floor, which enjoys widespread support among the American public.

Sincerely,

  
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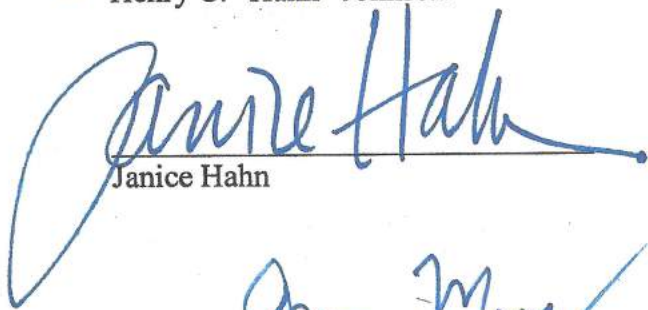
  
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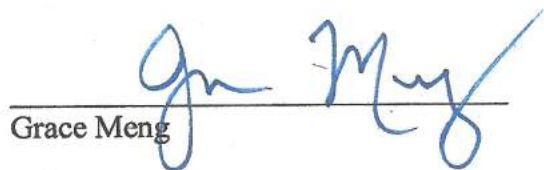
  
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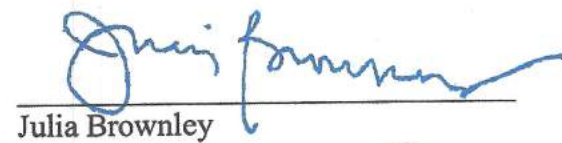
  
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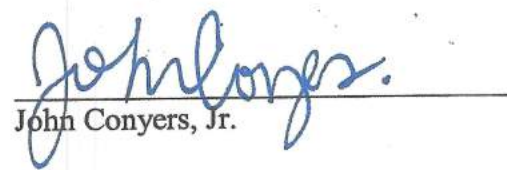
  
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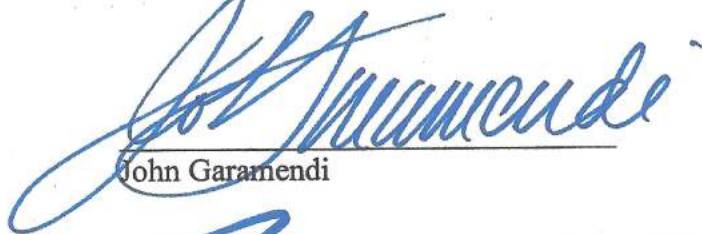
  
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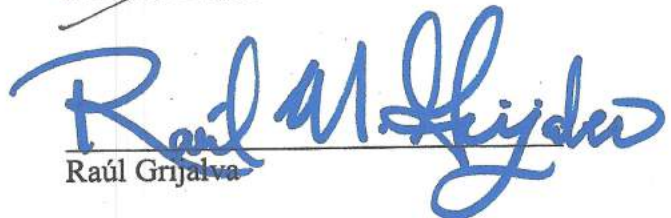
  
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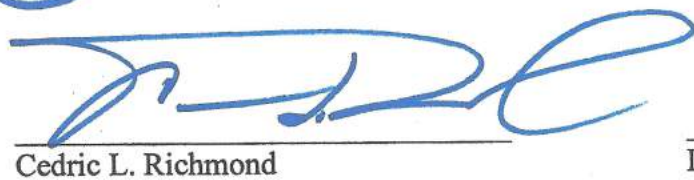
  
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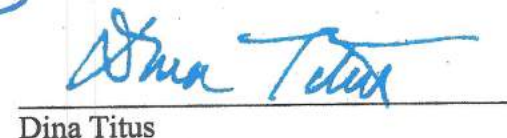
  
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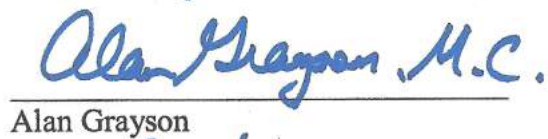
  
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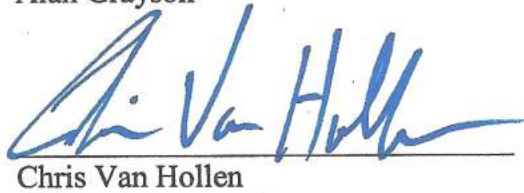
  
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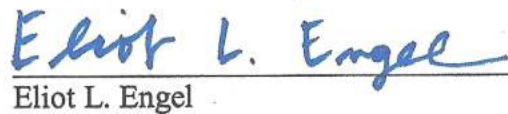


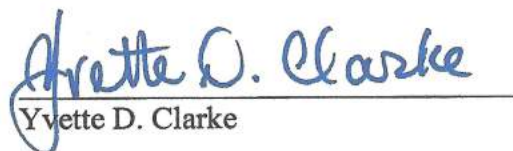
  
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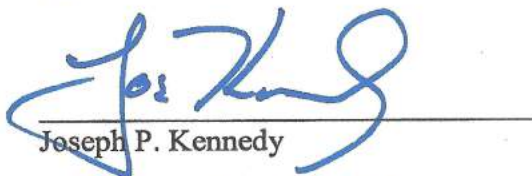
  
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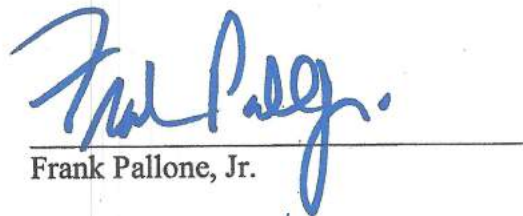
  
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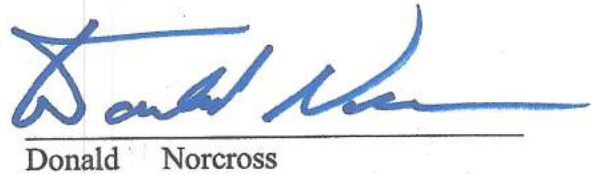
  
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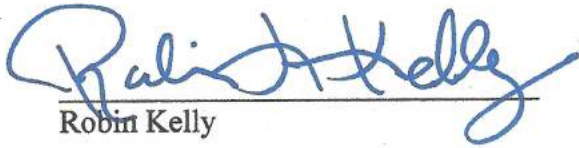
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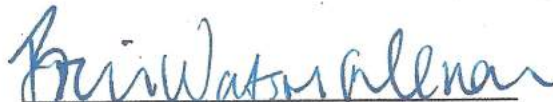
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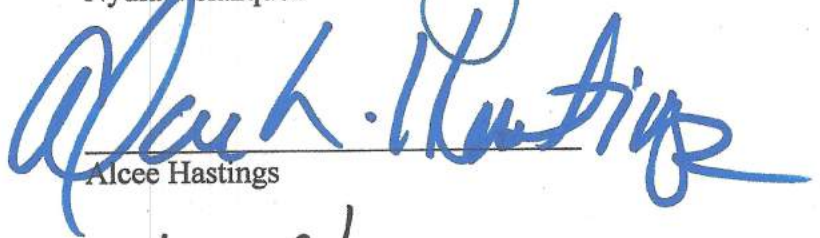
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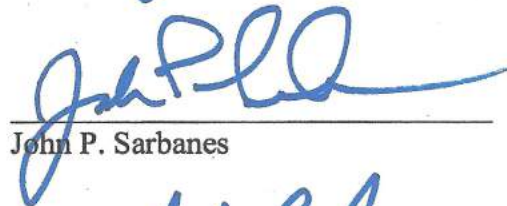
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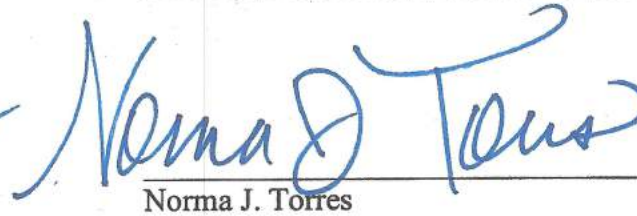
  
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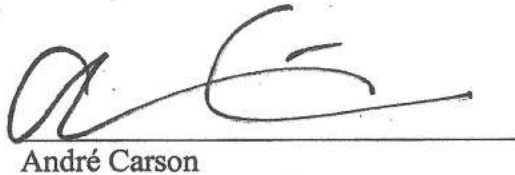
  
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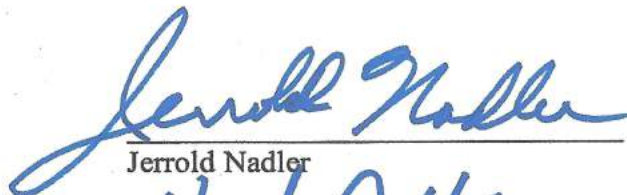
  
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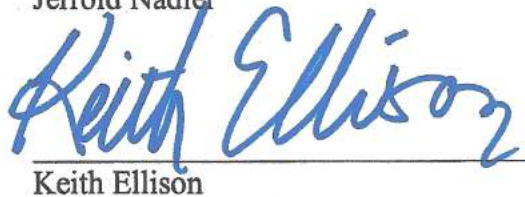
  
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