

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

June 16, 2025

The Honorable John Thune

Senate Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mike Johnson

Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Leader Thune and Speaker Johnson,

We write to express our profound concern regarding the shocking and deeply troubling mistreatment of United States Senator Alex Padilla on Thursday, June 12, at the Wilshire Federal Building in Los Angeles. While visiting the building for a scheduled briefing with military officials, Senator Padilla attempted to ask a question during a press conference being held by Department of Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem in the same building.

As has been widely reported and documented, Senator Padilla was thrown to the ground, handcuffed, and forcibly restrained by agents of the U.S. Secret Service and the Federal Bureau of Investigation while attempting to lawfully exercise his constitutional and congressional authority to question a senior official of the current administration.

Senator Padilla clearly identified himself and was acting within his rights as a Member of Congress. The use of force against a sitting senator—in a federal building, during official business—is a grave breach of protocol. It is also a potential violation of separation of powers and raises alarming questions about the conduct of federal law enforcement agencies, the coordination of protective services, and the administration's posture toward congressional oversight.

This unprecedented incident is not simply an affront to security protocol—it is a constitutional issue—as these actions may constitute an assault on a sitting senator. If members of the United States Senate can be physically restrained for seeking answers from executive officials, it sets a dangerous precedent for the independence of the legislative branch.

We look forward to your swift and decisive action to uphold the dignity and authority of Congress.

Sincerely,



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Chair
Congressional Hispanic Caucus



Hakeem Jeffries
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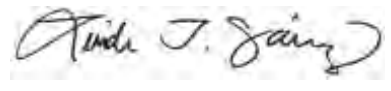
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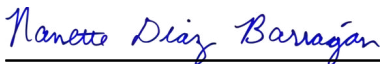
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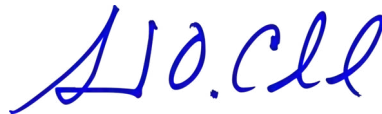
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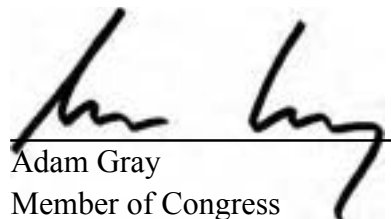
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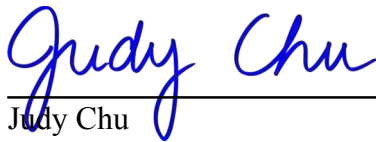
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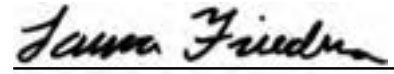
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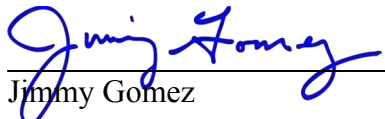
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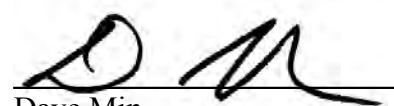
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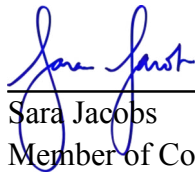
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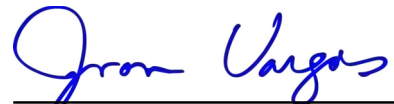
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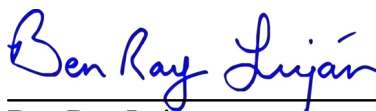
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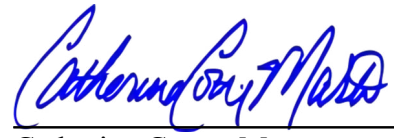
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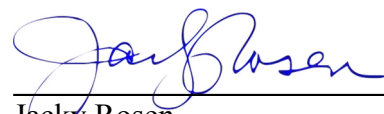
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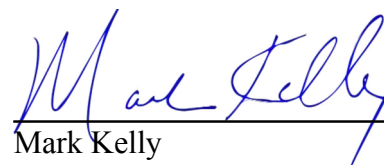
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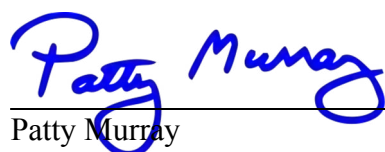
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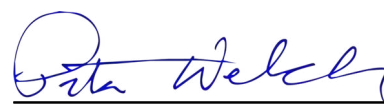
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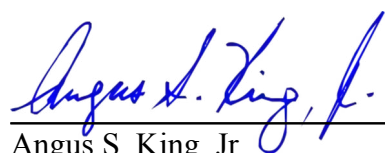
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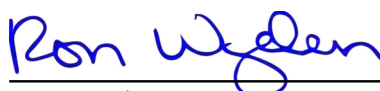
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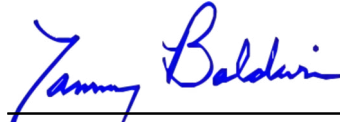
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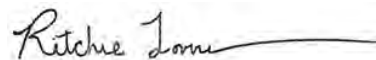
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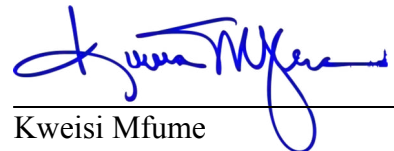
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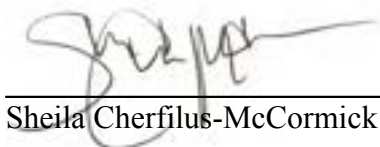
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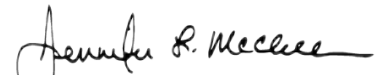
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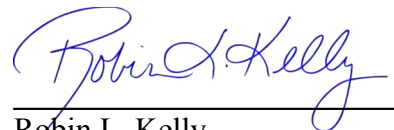
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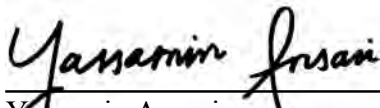
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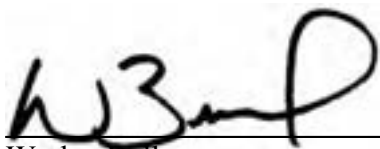
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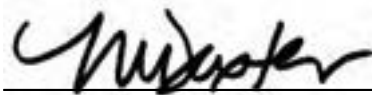
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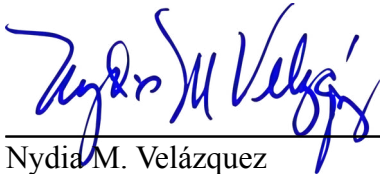
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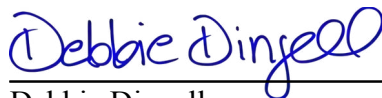
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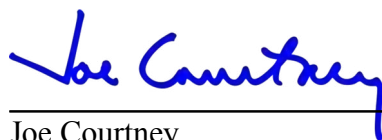
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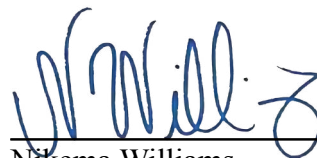
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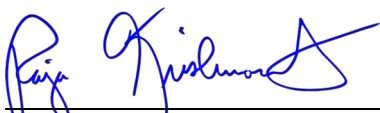
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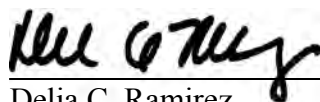
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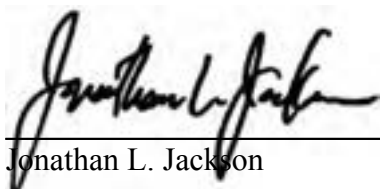
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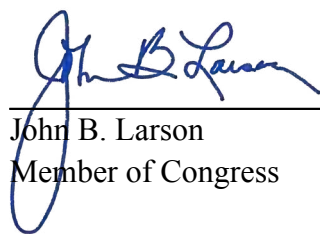
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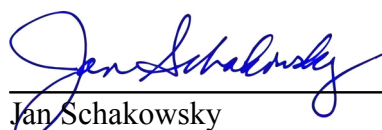
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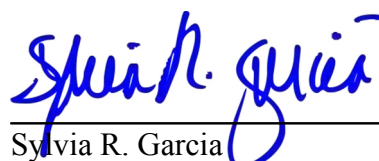
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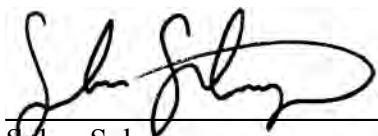
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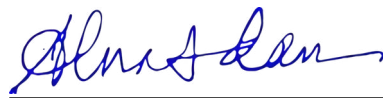
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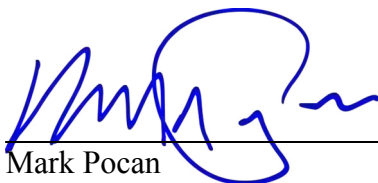
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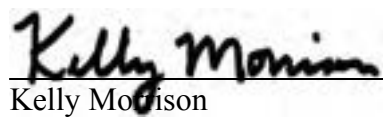
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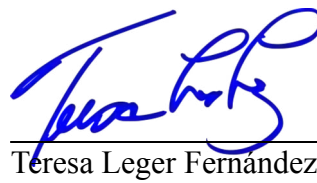
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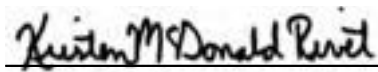
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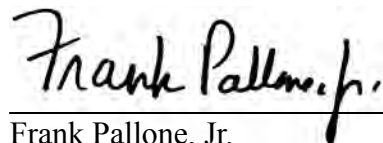
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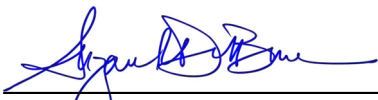
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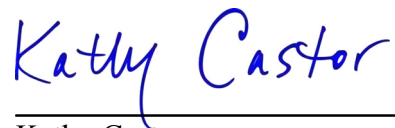
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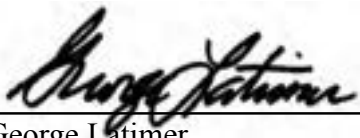
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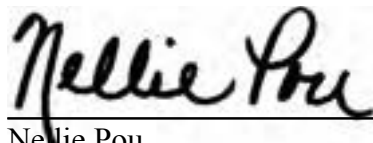
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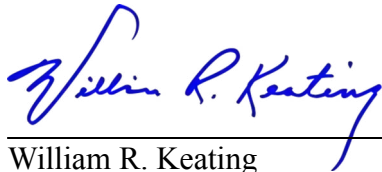
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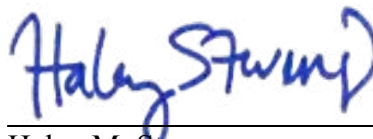
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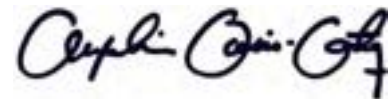
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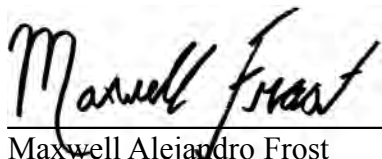
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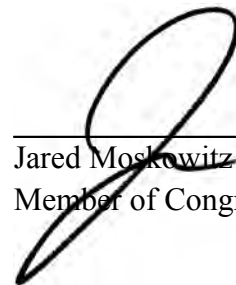
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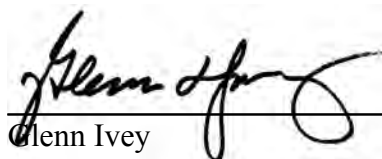
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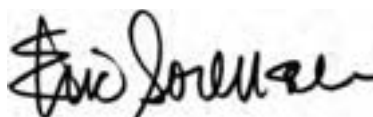
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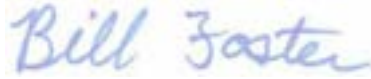
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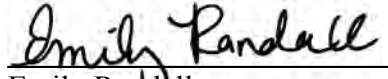
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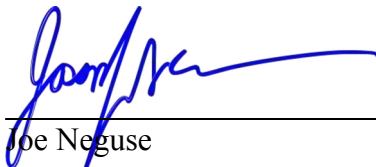
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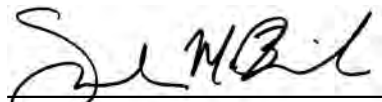
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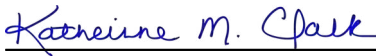
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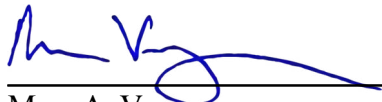
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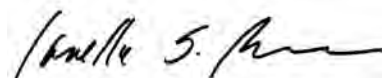
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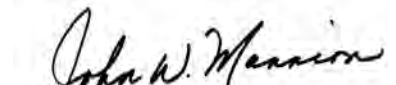
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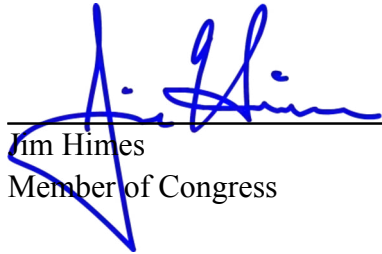
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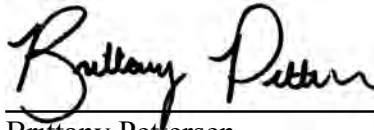
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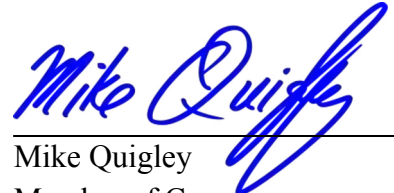
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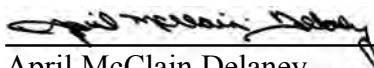
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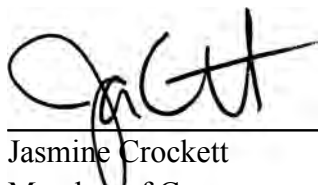
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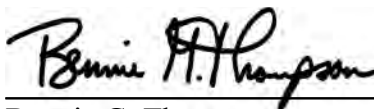
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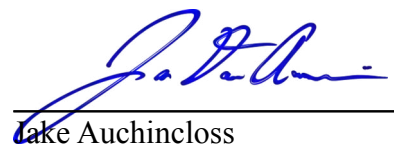
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