

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-4602

January 23, 2019

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House  
H-232, U.S. Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Madam Speaker:

We know that you share our value that effective governing should not result in *winners and losers*, but that our job as legislators is to do *the most good for the most people*. Across the country, hundreds of thousands of government workers are living in fear of what will happen if they go another week without a paycheck.

We have heard these stories in our districts and have seen the impact this partial government shutdown is having on our vital federal employees, including law enforcement and Coast Guard personnel, contractors, small businesses, and countless others. Small businesses are unable to secure loans and other much-needed resources, costing them jobs and growth. Without inspectors and full staffing levels at our nation's most critical agencies, parents have asked us about the safety of the food their children eat and the water they drink. The government shutdown has already cost our economy \$3.2 billion, according to S&P Global Ratings, including \$200 million per day in delayed wages. The shutdown is expected to cost an additional \$1.2 billion for every week that our federal agencies are not fully operational.

We understand that this shutdown was not caused by the 116th Congress, but it is our job to fix it.

Therefore, as the partial government shutdown enters its 33rd day, I and the undersigned members of the Democratic Caucus request that you present the below proposal to the President and the Senate Majority Leader.

- Once the government is reopened, Congress will immediately begin debate in committee on the supplemental discretionary funding request by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for border security. This will allow DHS leadership and relevant experts to explain in detail how the funds will be used and whether this expenditure will have the reported results presented by the President.
- Guarantee a vote on a border security supplemental funding package on the House floor by the end of February.
- As part of the supplemental funding request, members will be able to offer amendments to address the current gaps in protections for DREAMers, those enrolled in Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), and those currently in Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and Deferred Enforced Departure (DED).

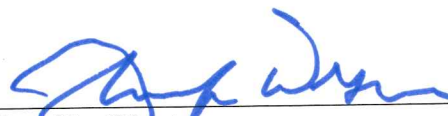
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We promised our constituents that we would seek bipartisan solutions, and we feel that this proposal would gain bipartisan support and allow a transparent process to evaluate the true needs of border security and provide much-needed reform to our immigration system.

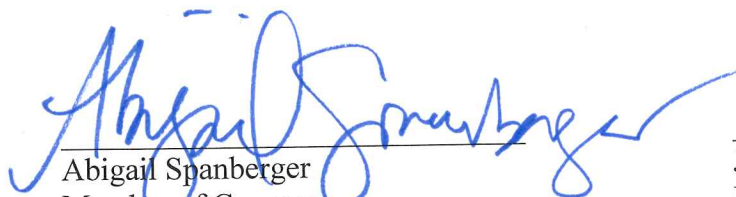
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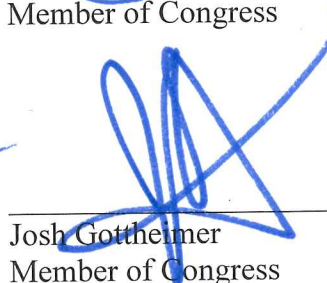
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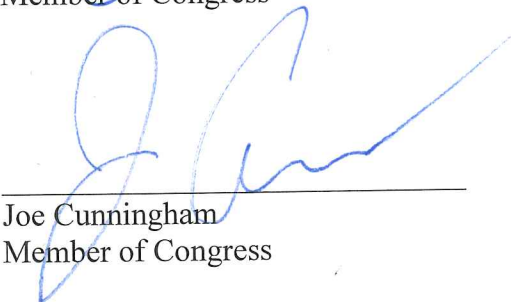
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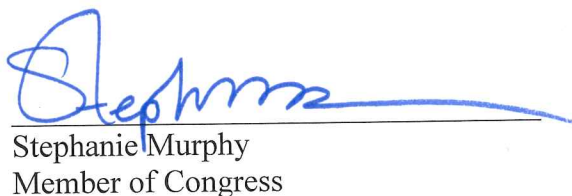
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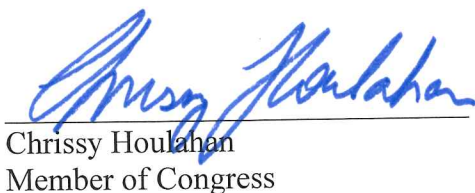
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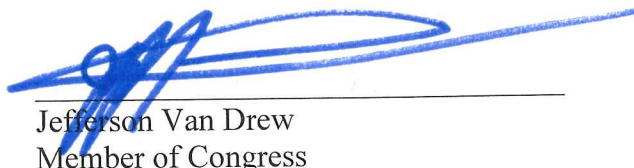
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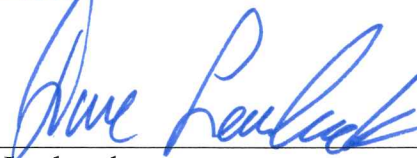


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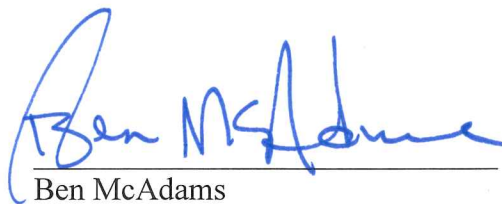
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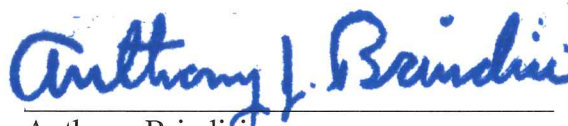
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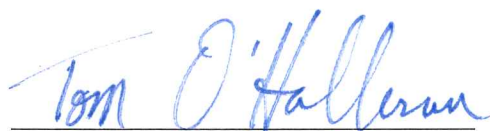
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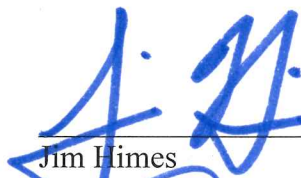
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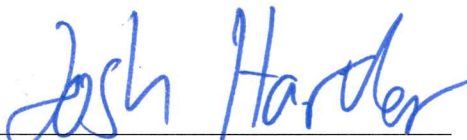
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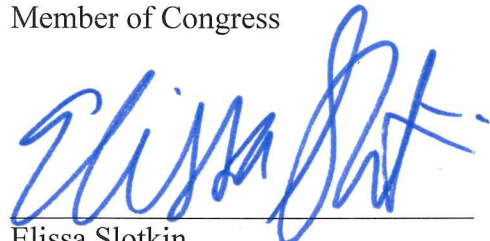
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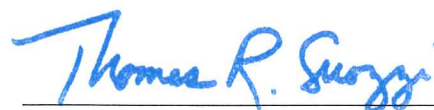
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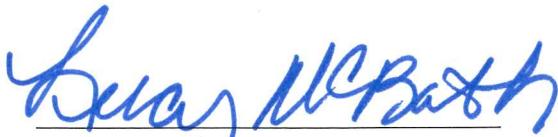
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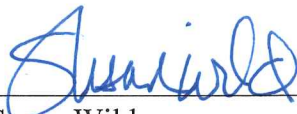
  
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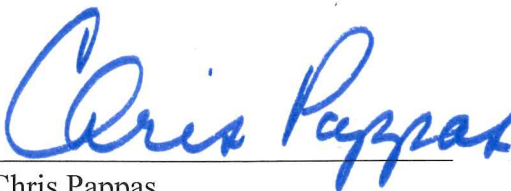
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