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February 28, 2020

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
H232 U.S. Capitol

The Honorable Steny Hoyer
Majority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
H107 U.S. Capitol

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Majority Leader Hoyer,

We write to urge you to fight the temptation to play politics with public health by packaging coronavirus preparedness and response funding with the upcoming Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act re-authorization. It is our belief, and, we believe, the belief of most Americans, that Congress should not tie these two, unrelated issues together. Public health has nothing to do with foreign intelligence surveillance.

We are approaching a global pandemic. Worldwide, new cases have been confirmed from the Middle East to Europe and South Korea, and California is reporting its first instance of community transmission. In fact, that state is monitoring over 8,000 people for possible signs of infection.

Working to slow and prevent the spread of the coronavirus in our country is not and should not be a political issue. We should focus on combatting this outbreak without playing political games, and we hope you agree.

Sincerely,



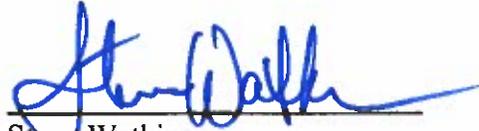
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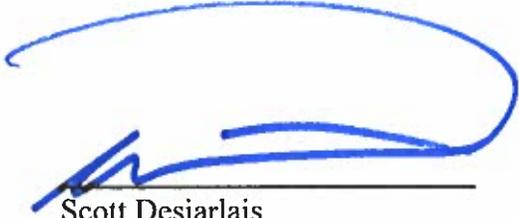
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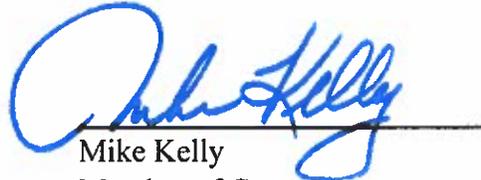
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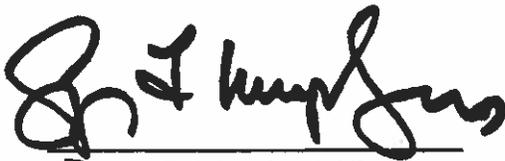
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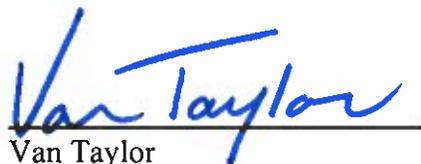
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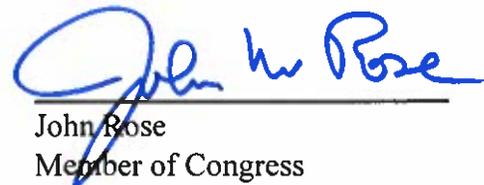
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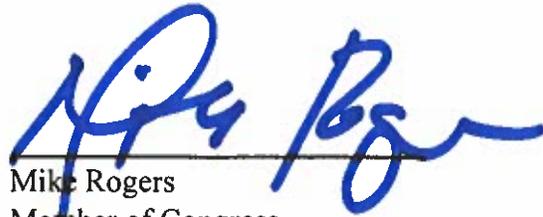
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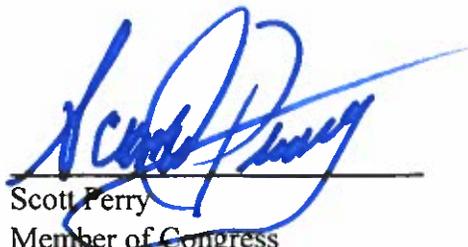
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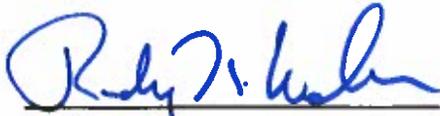
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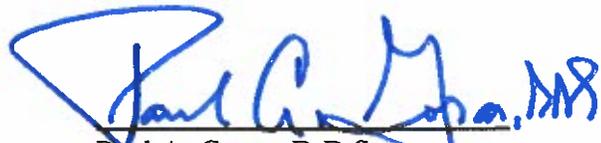
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