

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

October 16, 2023

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Biden:

Thank you for your unwavering support for the State of Israel and commitment to its security and stability. We appreciate Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin's announcement to direct the USS Gerald R. Ford Carrier Strike Group to the Eastern Mediterranean. We support any additional Administration measures to ensure Israel has every tool available to defeat radical terror.

We are writing at a time of immense difficulty and sorrow for Israel and the Jewish people with a desire to reaffirm our support for the U.S.-Israel alliance at a moment when our ally depends on American support the most. The United States must stand ready to provide Israel with the resources she needs to defend herself, and stand by her until every hostage, including American citizens, are returned home and Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad and others complicit are decisively defeated. We are already beginning to see calls in some circles for de-escalation. Premature de-escalation would be a victory for the terrorists, and allow them to continue to threaten Israeli civilians with future attacks.


As you have said, "Israel has the right to defend itself and its people, full stop." We remain committed to increasing American security assistance for critical technologies including the Iron Dome to preserve Israel's safety. Congress will support additional measures to replenish and release stockpiles of American ammunition stored in Israel to use during this national emergency, including offensive munitions key to assuring Israel's success. It is essential to America's national security.

Iran must be held fully accountable for its continued role in funding Hamas and Islamic terror. We urge the Administration to take all necessary steps to cut off Iranian funding sources. This includes maximum enforcement of all U.S. sanctions, and taking any and all steps to end Iran's oil trade to China, which currently brings in \$150 million per day in revenue. On October 18, UN ballistic missile sanctions will expire under the terms of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA). This cannot be allowed to happen. We urge your Administration to work with our European allies to immediately implement snapback sanctions on Iran at the UN Security Council.

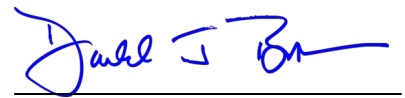
The United States must also put significant pressure on Qatar and Türkiye to cease their support for Hamas and expel Hamas leadership that they host. Ismail Haniyeh, the leader behind Hamas' deadliest-ever attack on Israel, sits comfortably in Qatar, a U.S. strategic partner in CENTCOM's Area of Responsibility. The country's links to Hamas and recent statement blaming Israel for the ongoing war are simply unacceptable. Türkiye, a NATO ally, also continues to house Hamas leadership and provide both diplomatic and financial support to the organization. Both Qatar and Türkiye should cease all ties with Hamas, and continue to work with the United States to stabilize the region.

Israel has no greater ally than the United States. We thank you for your ongoing efforts to bring critical help to Israel as it endures one of the deadliest periods in its history. Congress stands ready to provide Israel with the support it needs. The devastation, destruction, and war waged against Israel is an affront to our ironclad, bipartisan relationship with the Jewish State, our closest ally in the Middle East.


Sincerely,




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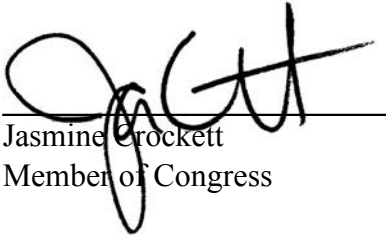
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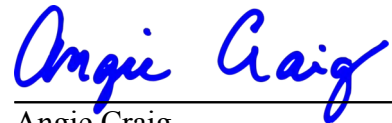
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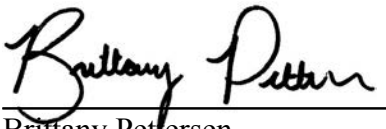
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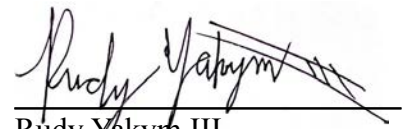
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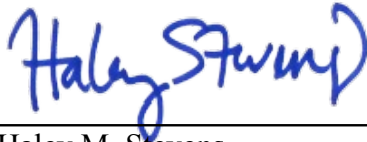
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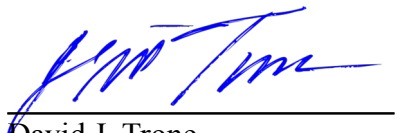
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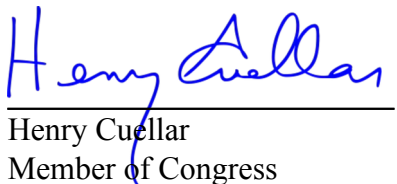
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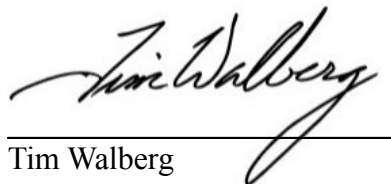
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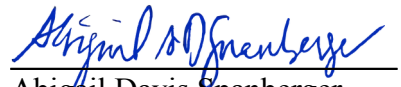
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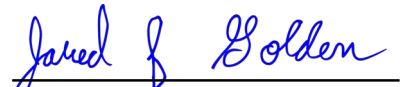
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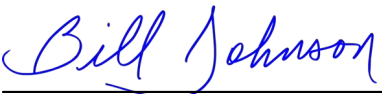
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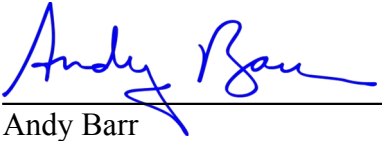
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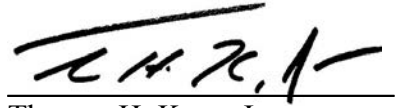
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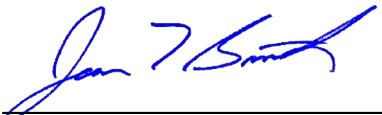
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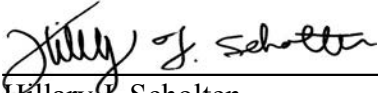
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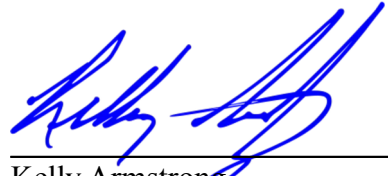
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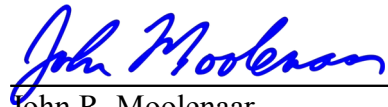
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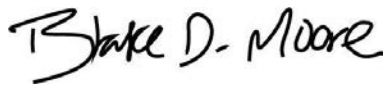
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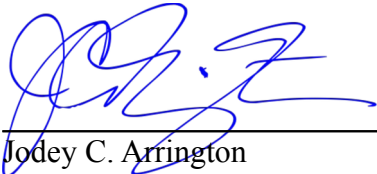
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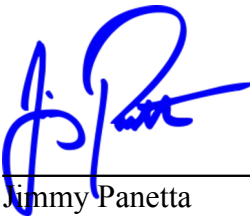
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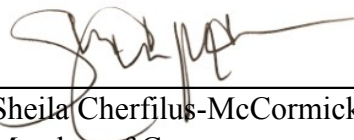
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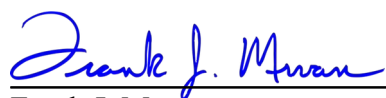
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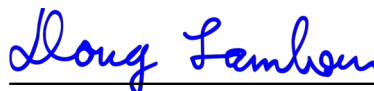
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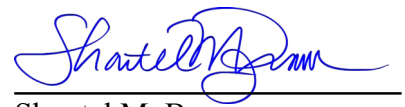
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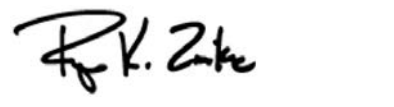
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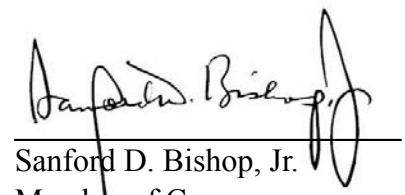
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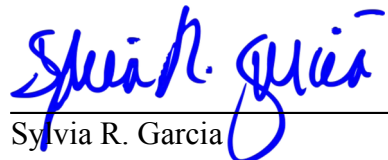
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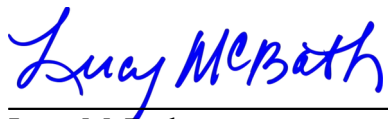
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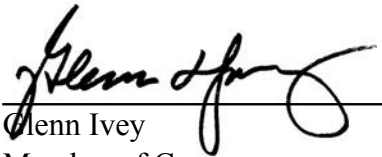
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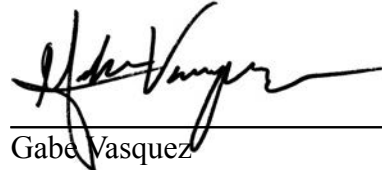
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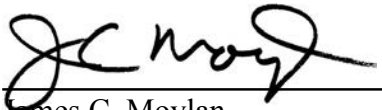
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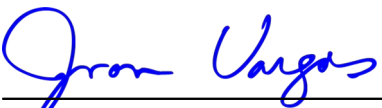
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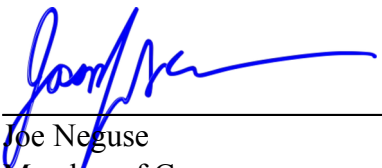
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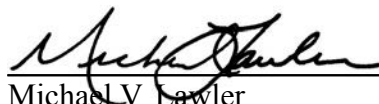
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