

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

December 7, 2015

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Subcommittee on State, Foreign
Operations, and Related Programs
House Appropriations Committee
HT-2, The Capitol
Washington, D.C., 20515

The Honorable Nita Lowey
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on State, Foreign
Operations, and Related Programs
House Appropriations Committee
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member Lowey:

As you develop the Fiscal Year 2016 Omnibus Appropriations bill, we urge you to ensure that the final bill includes robust funding for the accounts that support the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), an international organization tasked with verifying that states comply with their commitments under the Non-Proliferation Treaty and other non-proliferation agreements.

As you know, the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, which was formally adopted on October 18, 2015, tasked the IAEA with the critical mission of monitoring Iranian compliance with the provisions concerning its enrichment and heavy water reactor programs. A critical part of the inspection regimen, IAEA inspectors will have enhanced access to all Iranian nuclear sites, including uranium mines and mills, and continuous surveillance of centrifuge manufacturing and storage locations.

As a result, the implementation of verification and monitoring by the IAEA will require supplementary funding from all member states. In a recent address to the IAEA's board of governors in Vienna, Director-General Yukiya Amano stated that the agency would require an additional \$10.6 million annually to conduct verification of Iran's nuclear activities. While we agree that all member states should pay their fair share of the additional costs, we want to ensure that the IAEA has the necessary funding to successfully carry out its duties.

As Members of Congress, we have a foremost responsibility to the continued security of the United States and our allies. We look forward to working with you on this critical issue.

Sincerely,



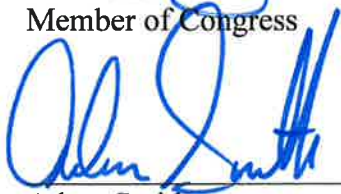
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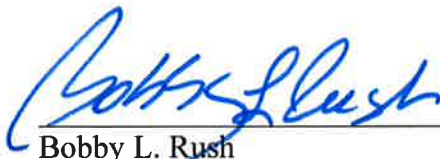
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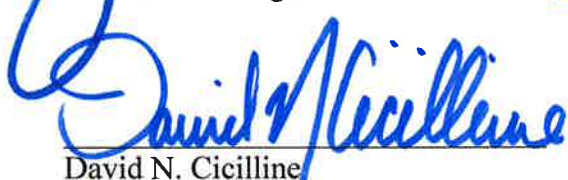
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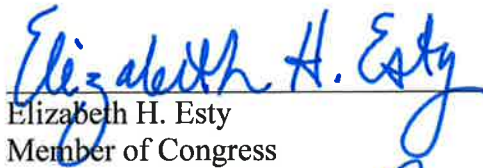
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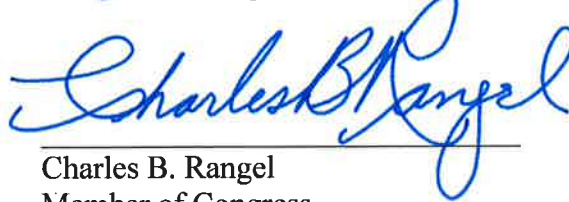
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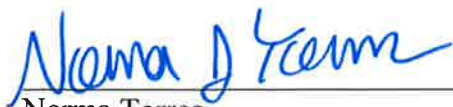
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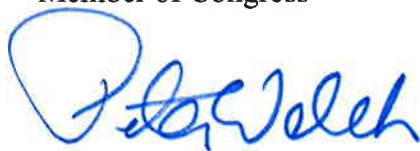
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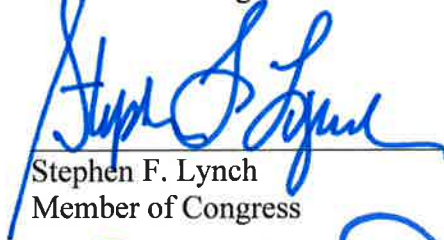
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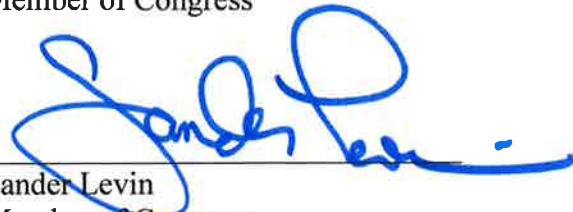
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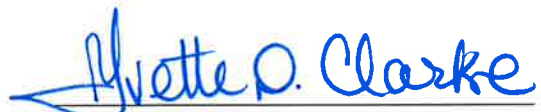
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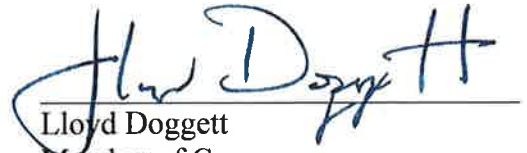
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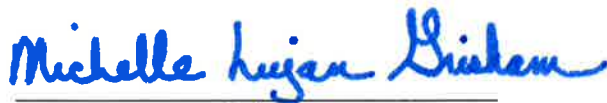
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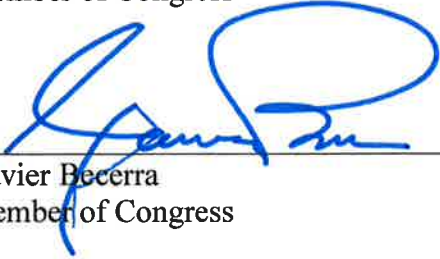
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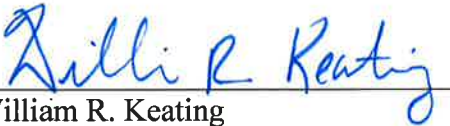
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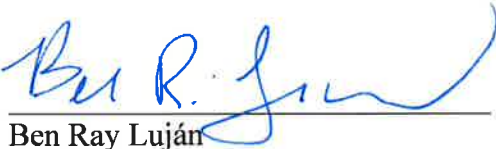
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