

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

November 18, 2014

The Honorable Barack Obama  
President  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20500

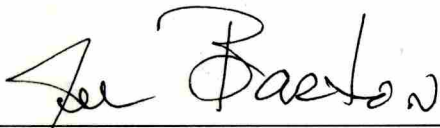
Dear Mr. President,

We write to express our concerns with the Administration's apparent intent to take executive action on immigration reform. While Congress certainly understands the need for reforms to the current system, it is imperative that we work together to pass legislation that improves our immigration system, increases border security, and disincentivizes undocumented immigrants from illegally entering the United States. Any unilateral action taken by the Administration will impede our efforts.

In your post-election press conference on November 5, 2014, when asked about the prospect of executive action on immigration, you stated, "I'll be reaching out to both Mitch McConnell, John Boehner, and other Republican as well as Democratic leaders to find out how it is that they want to proceed. And if they want to get a bill done -- whether it's during the lame duck or next year - - I'm eager to see what they have to offer." Despite this comment, recent press reports and statements emanating from the White House indicate that you plan to take action prior to the aforementioned consultation with Congress. A decision to affect immigration reform via executive action circumvents the legislative process.

We ask that you deliver on your word and allow Congress to debate and vote on a bill for you to sign. We strongly encourage the Administration, under your leadership, to work with the 114th Congress to pass sensible, long-term reforms to address our nation's immigration issues. Our nation's immigrants deserve concrete policies that become law after thorough, transparent discussions.

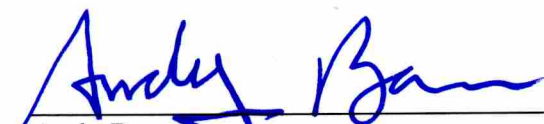
Sincerely,



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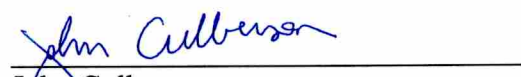
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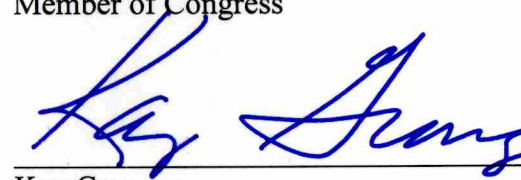
  
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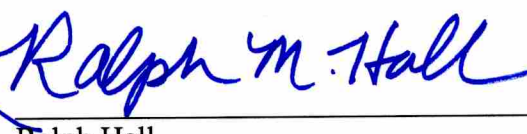
  
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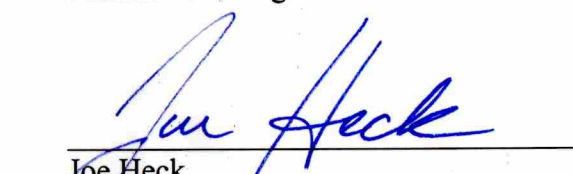
  
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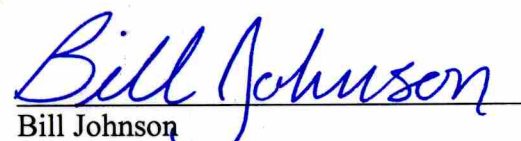
  
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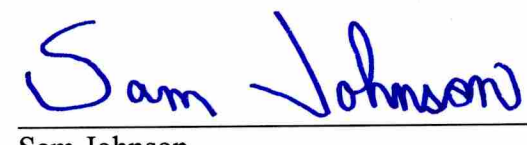
  
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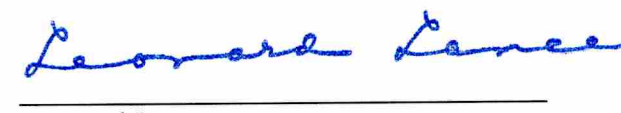
  
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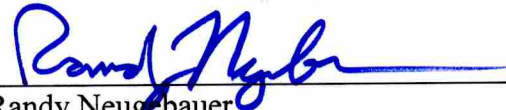
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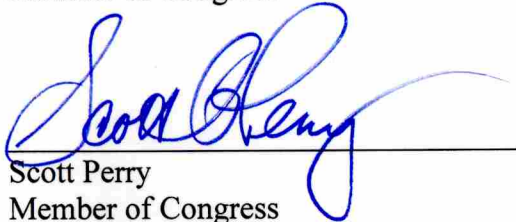
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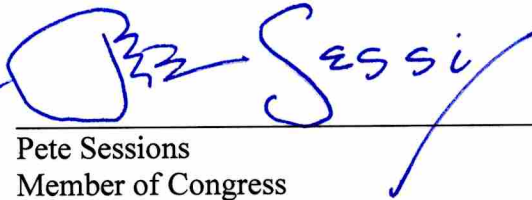
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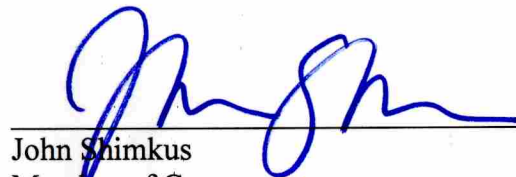
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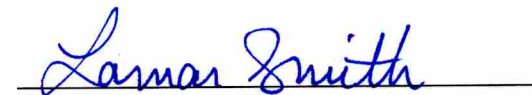
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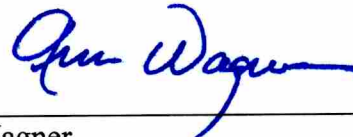
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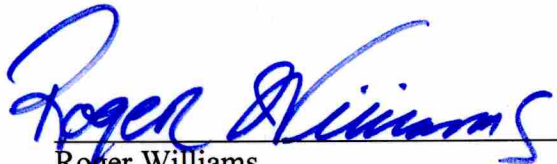
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