

Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20515

March 10, 2009

President Barack Obama  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama:

We ask that your Administration continue negotiations for the United States' participation in the Trans-Pacific Strategic Economic Partnership Agreement (TPP). We believe actively engaging in the Asia-Pacific region and, specifically, participating in the TPP is in our nation's economic and strategic interest.

We hope the first round of comprehensive TPP negotiations involving the U.S. will commence this spring. We expect the TPP will be a gold-standard trade agreement, eliminating tariffs on all traded goods among members and reducing barriers to trade in services and other sectors beyond standards set in the World Trade Organization. TPP offers an important regional opportunity that will complement any future WTO agreement. We note that U.S. involvement in the TPP negotiations with Singapore, Chile, Brunei and New Zealand already has created the momentum for Australia, Vietnam, and Peru to join the talks.

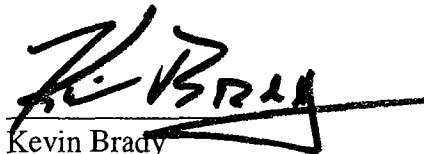
The TPP initiative will boost U.S. competitiveness and strategic presence in the vitally important Asia-Pacific region, which accounts for 60 percent of world GDP and almost half of all global trade. Engagement in the TPP process will strengthen U.S. ties with key allies, increase market access for U.S. industries, and spur domestic growth. We are confident that this agreement can also provide strong protections for labor, the environment, investment and intellectual property. The TPP is an appropriate trade initiative for these challenging times and a strong initial step in your Administration's trade agenda.

We look forward to working with you on this initiative.

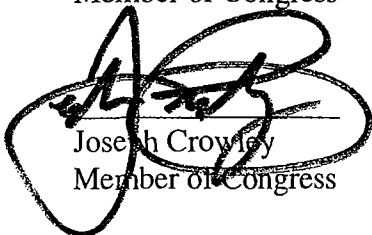
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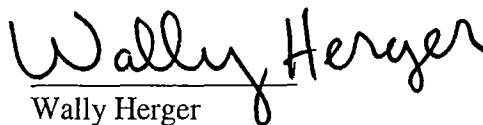
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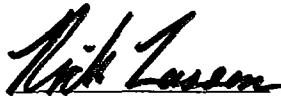
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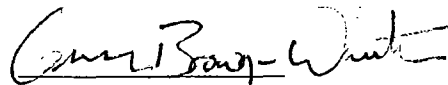


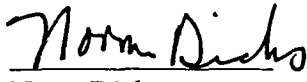
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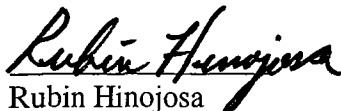
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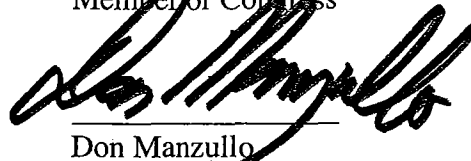
  
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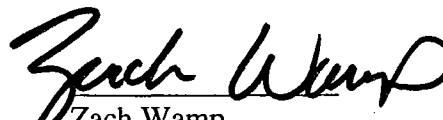
  
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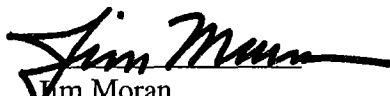
  
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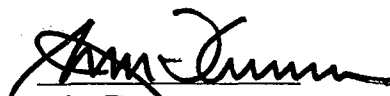
  
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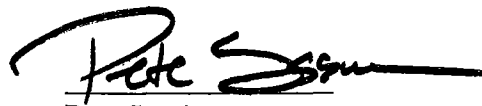
  
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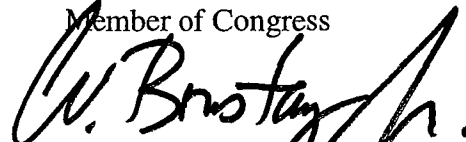
  
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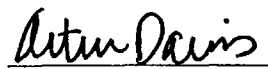
  
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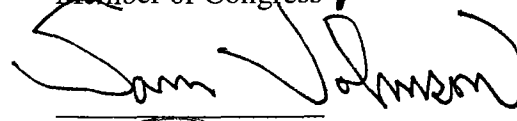
  
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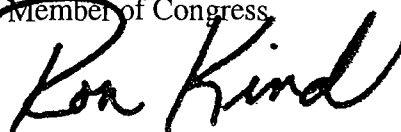
  
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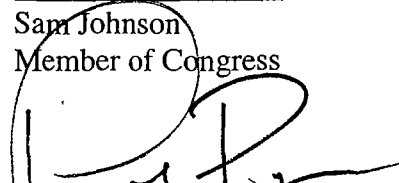
  
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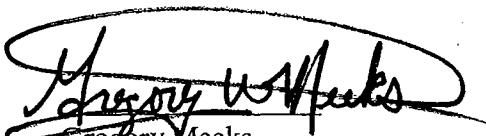
  
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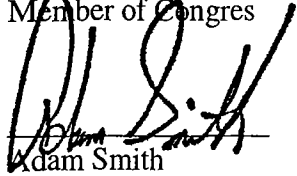
  
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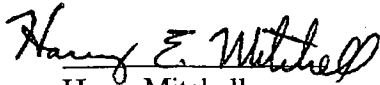
  
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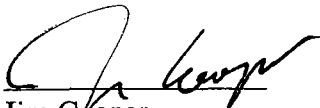
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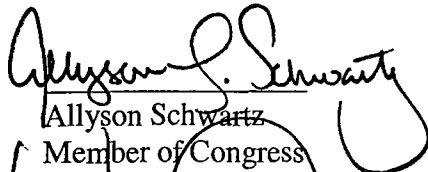
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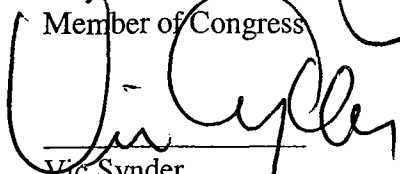
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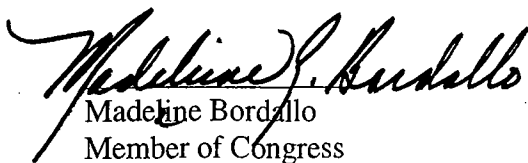
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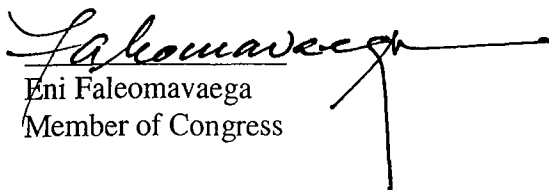
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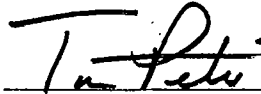
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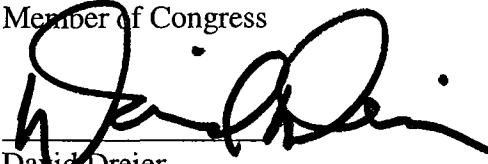
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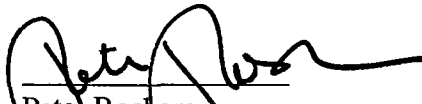
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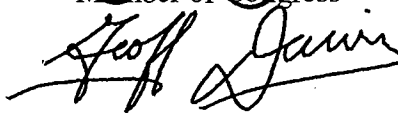
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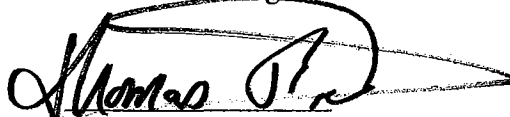
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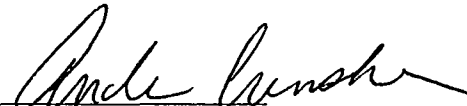
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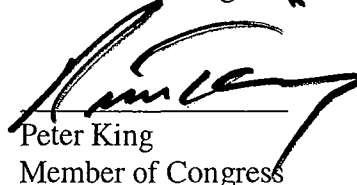
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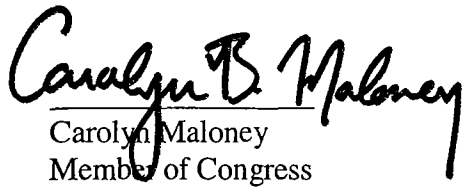
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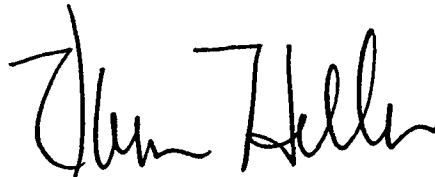



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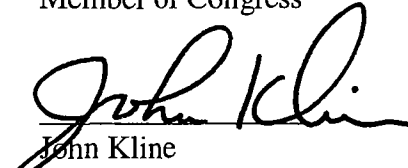



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