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November 2, 2011

The Honorable Harold Rogers
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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C., 20515

The Honorable Norman Dicks
Ranking Member
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The Honorable Denny Rehberg
Chairman
Subcommittee on Labor, HHS & Education
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Labor, HHS & Education
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairmen Rogers and Rehberg and Ranking Members Dicks and DeLauro:

As Members of Congress who strongly value the role of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in generating medical breakthroughs and promoting job creation, we thank you for increasing funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in the draft FY 2012 House Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill. The proposed level of support for NIH in FY 2012 is vital in order for NIH to sustain its mission of improving health through medical science breakthroughs and maintaining international leadership in science and biomedical research.

Every family is one phone call or doctor's visit away from needing the promise of NIH research. With federal funding of at least \$32 billion, NIH can continue to serve as the world's preeminent medical research institution and our nation's best hope for finding cures, improving treatments, and gaining a better understanding of the complex causes of diseases that affect millions of Americans. NIH researchers are making groundbreaking progress against major diseases and conditions, like finding better methods of early detection for Alzheimer's Disease, lung cancer, heart disease, and stroke, as well as improving treatment for melanoma.

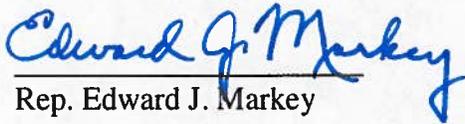
NIH is also a key pillar of our economic recovery, generating high-paying jobs in the cutting-edge biomedical research industry and keeping America competitive in biomedical science. More than 80 percent of NIH's budget supports over 350,000 scientist and research personnel, as well as the acquisition of goods and services from every state.

Through NIH, we are also training the next generation of researchers who will maintain America's ability to advance medical science and protect our competitive edge in this field.

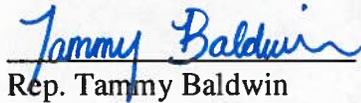
Robust investment in NIH is vital if we want to discover the next medical breakthrough in America and not import it from China or India.

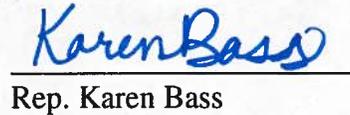
While we appreciate the support provided for NIH, we do not believe it should come at the expense of other programs that improve the health of Americans and supplement the work of the NIH, such as CDC or other medical research and surveillance programs. We respectfully encourage this committee to support biomedical research and urge you to protect NIH funding as negotiations with the Senate move forward.

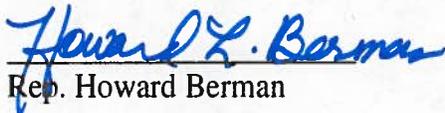
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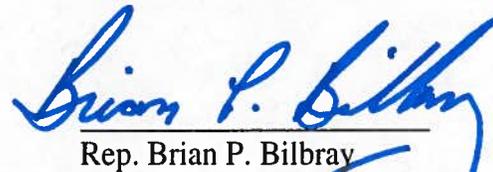

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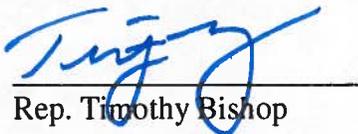

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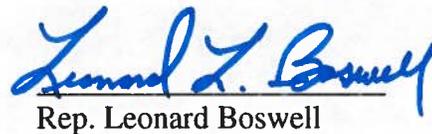

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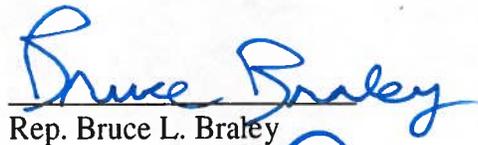

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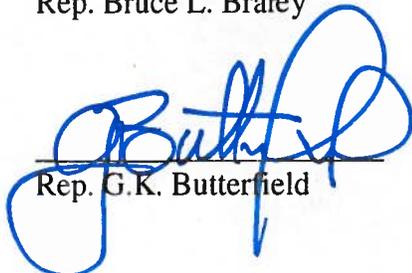

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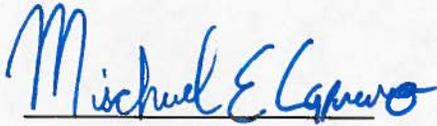

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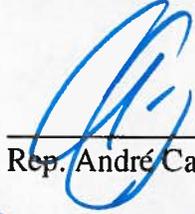

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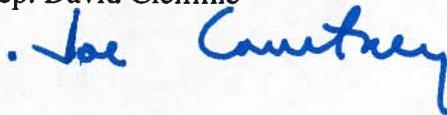
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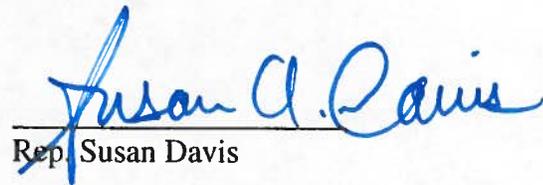
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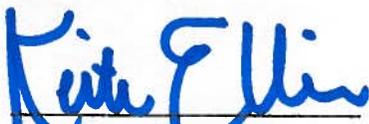
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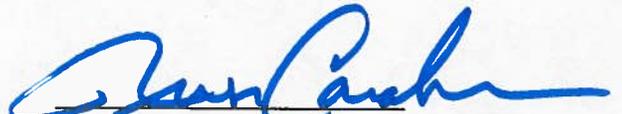
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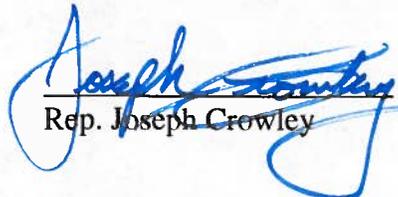
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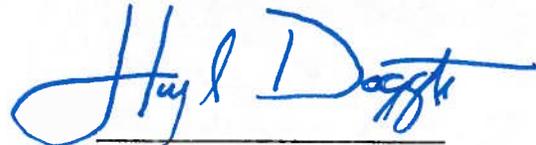
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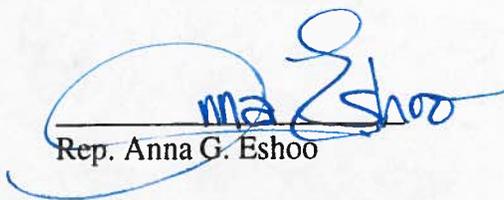
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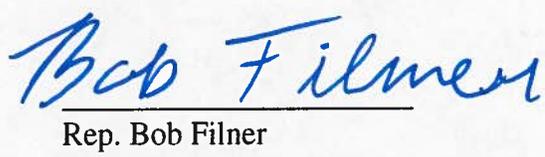


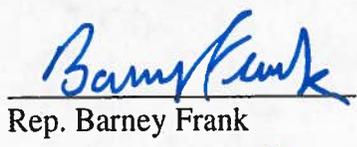
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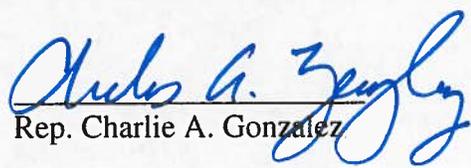


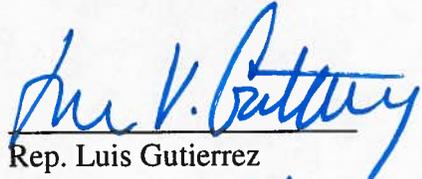
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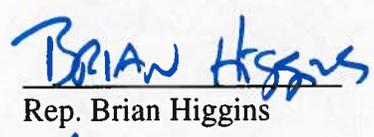

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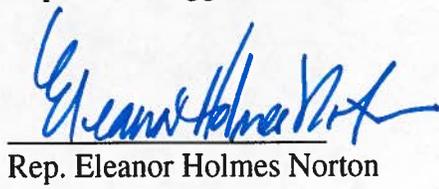

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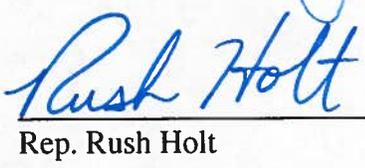

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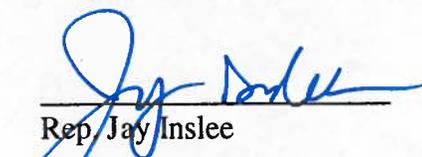

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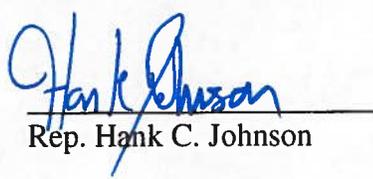

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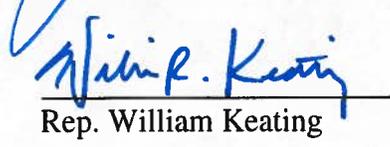

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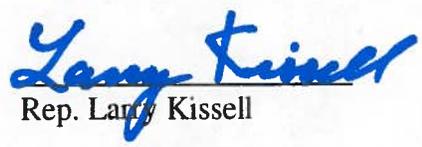

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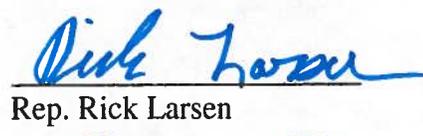

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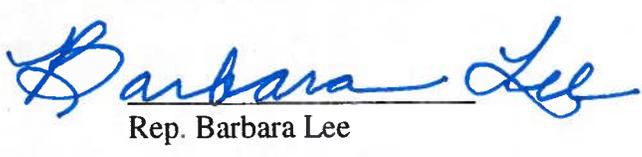

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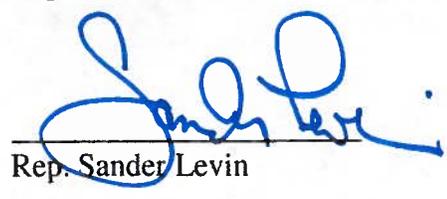

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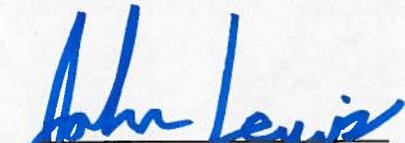

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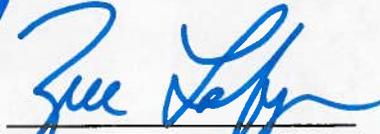

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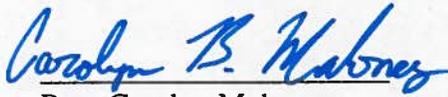

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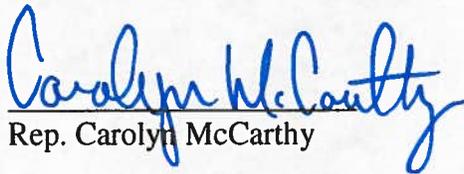

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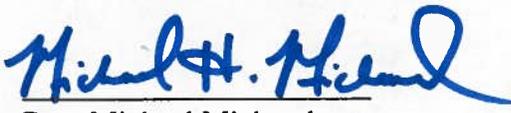

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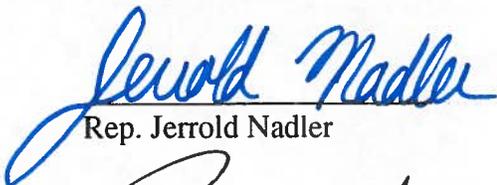

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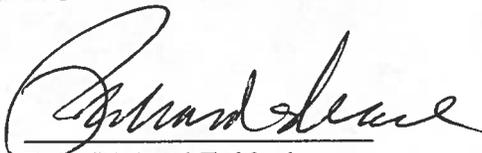

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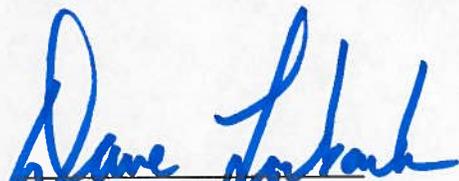

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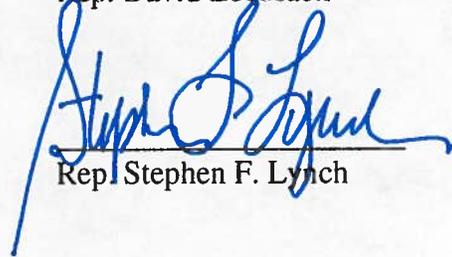

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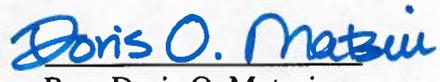

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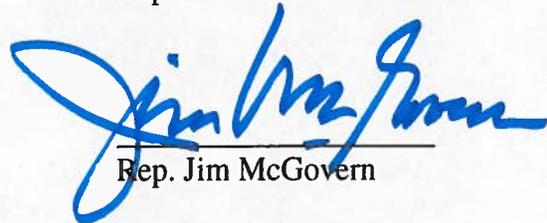

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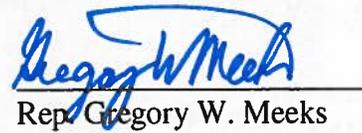

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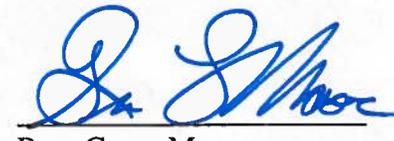

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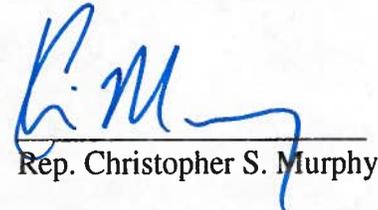

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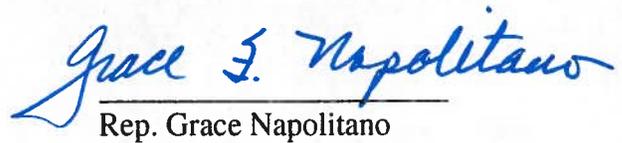

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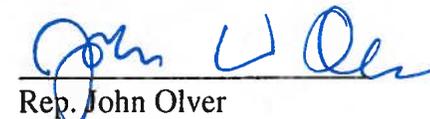

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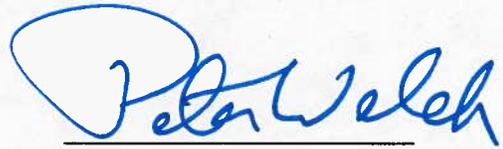
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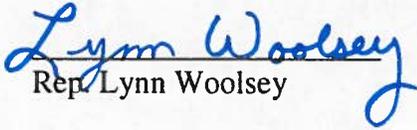
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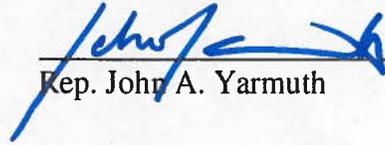
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