

Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20515

March 16, 2018

The Honorable Ken Calvert  
Chairman  
House Appropriations Subcommittee on  
Interior, Environment and  
Related Agencies  
2007 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Betty McCollum  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Subcommittee on  
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2256 Rayburn House Office Building  
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Dear Chairman Calvert and Ranking Member McCollum:

We write requesting that you support economic development, job creation, and our national heritage by appropriating \$88.5 million in funding for the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) for Fiscal Year 2019 (FY2019). Of the total request, \$52 million is for State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPOs), including \$2 million for a competitive grant program to survey and document historic resources, \$13.5 million is for Tribal Historic Preservation Offices (THPOs), \$500,000 is for grants to underserved communities, and \$4.5 million is for the Save America's Treasures grant program. This request also includes \$13 million for the Civil Rights competitive grants initiative and \$5 million for competitive grants for Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

SHPOs and THPOs tie our nation's historic preservation programs together. SHPOs carry out the National Historic Preservation Act, which provides citizens the tools they need to revitalize, rehabilitate, and protect American heritage. Annually, SHPOs also review more than 100,000 federal undertakings for their impact on historic resources and survey more than 16.5 million acres for cultural resources. SHPOs also administer the Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit which, over the life of the program, has created more than 2.4 million jobs and leveraged more than \$131 billion in private investment.

THPOs carry out many of the same functions as SHPOs for tribal governments. Just as the SHPOs review federal undertakings on state lands, the THPOs review federal undertakings on tribal government lands. There were only 12 THPOs when they first received funding in 1996. Today, there nearly 190 THPOs and funding has not kept pace with the growing number of THPOs; in FY2017, 180 tribes received an average of \$58,000 in funding, more than \$20,000 fewer than when the program first started.

Additionally, we support \$13 million for competitive grants to fund the continuation of a Civil Rights initiative that preserves, documents, and interprets the sites and stories of the Civil Rights movement and the African-American experience.

Funding these historic preservation programs is vital for ensuring that the unvarnished story of America is told. It is an investment in towns and cities throughout the country that benefit from

tourists visiting historic sites and the public and private investment in restoring historic buildings. This funding is both an economic and historical imperative that creates construction jobs and protects historic resources that might otherwise be lost forever.

If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Jeffrey Wilson in Rep. Turner's office at x56465 ([Jeffrey.Wilson@mail.house.gov](mailto:Jeffrey.Wilson@mail.house.gov)) or Jon Bosworth in Rep. Blumenauer's office at x54811 ([Jon.Bosworth@mail.house.gov](mailto:Jon.Bosworth@mail.house.gov)).

Sincerely,



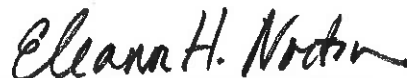
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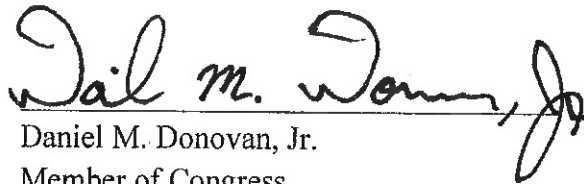
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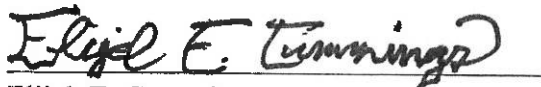
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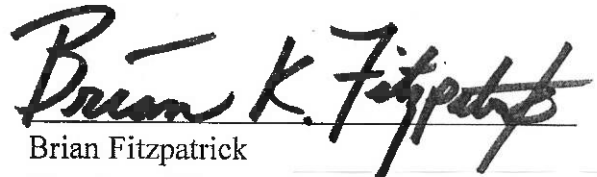
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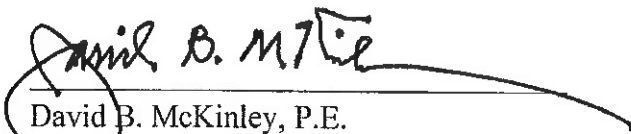
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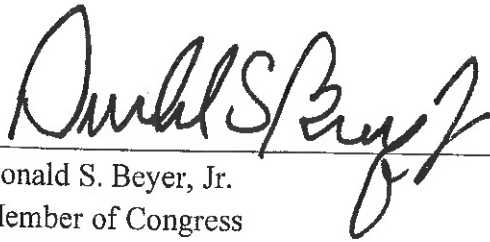
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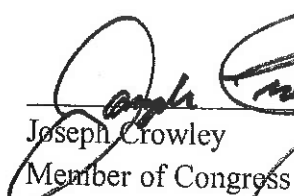
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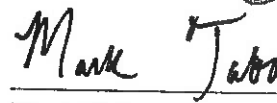
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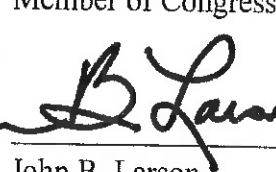
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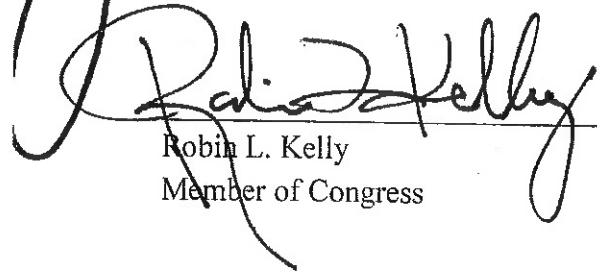
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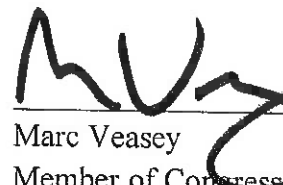
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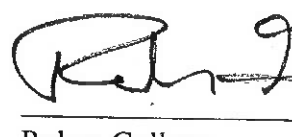
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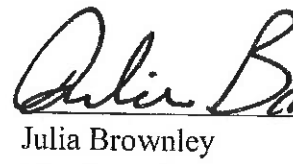
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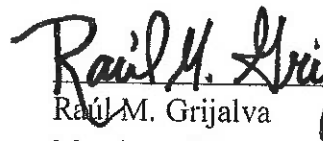
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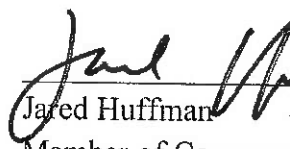
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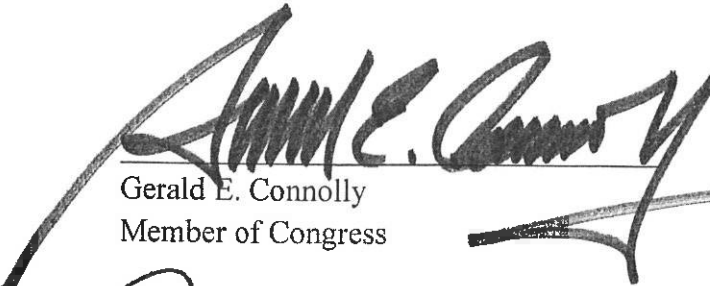
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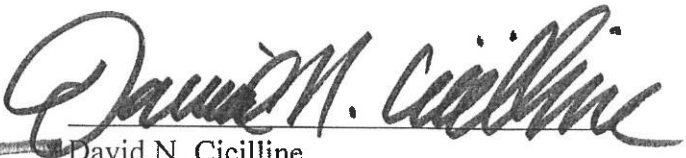
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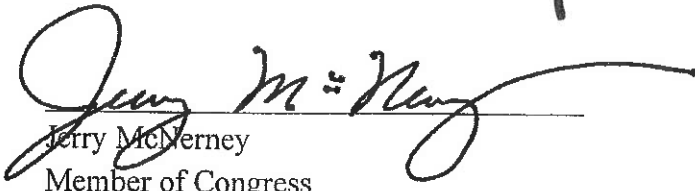
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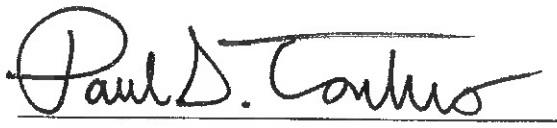
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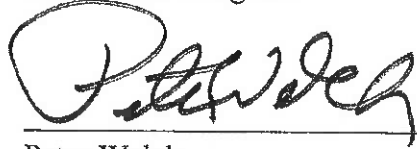
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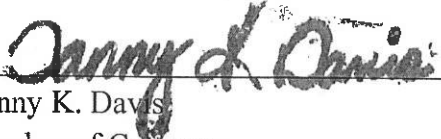
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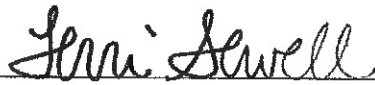
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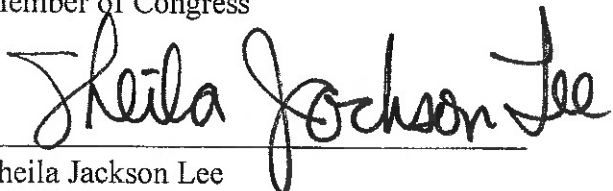
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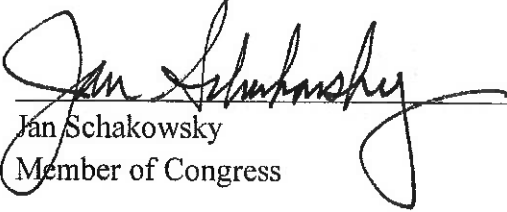
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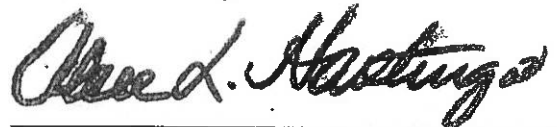
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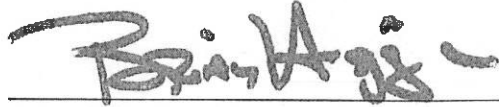
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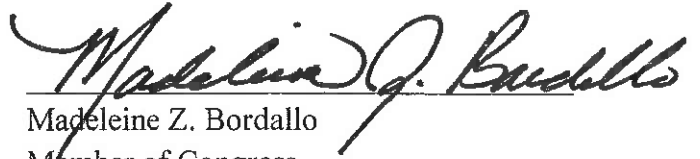


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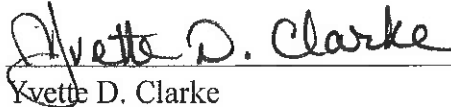
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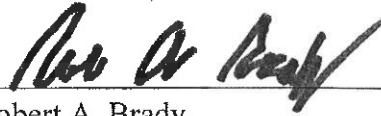
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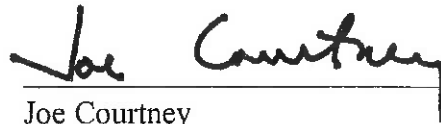
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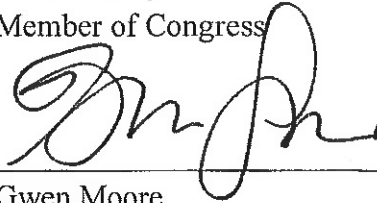
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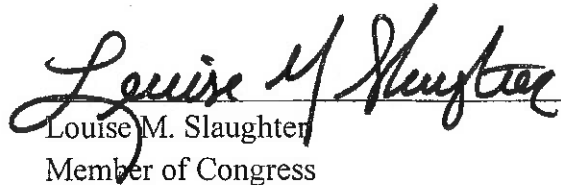
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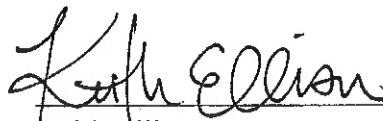
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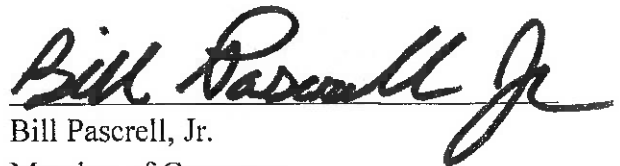
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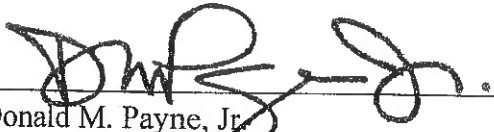
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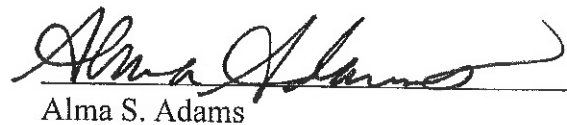
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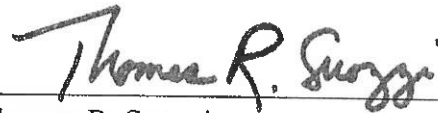
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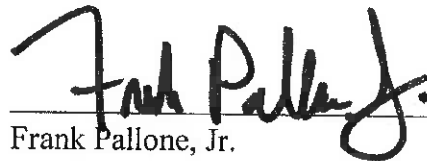
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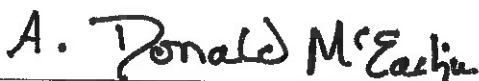
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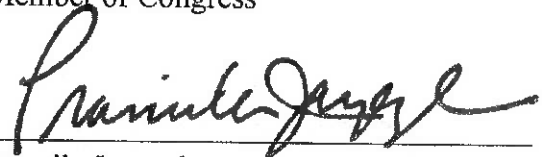
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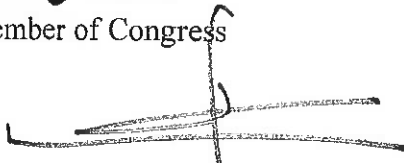
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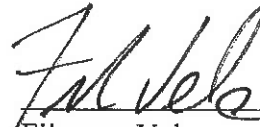
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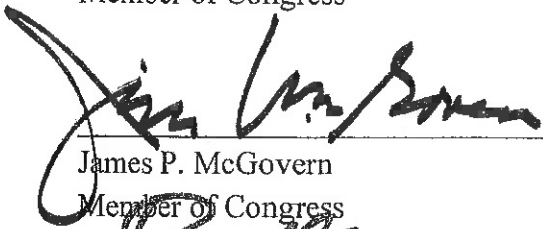
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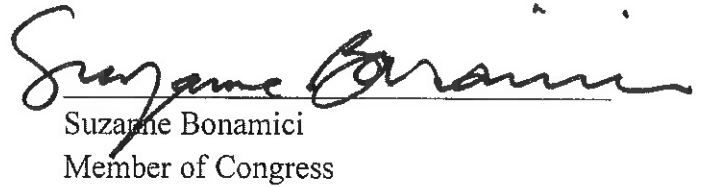
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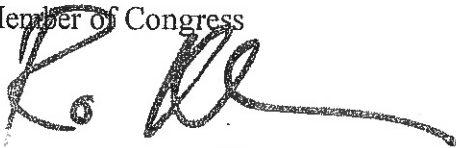
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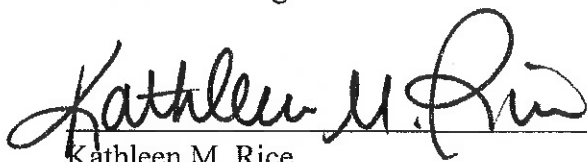
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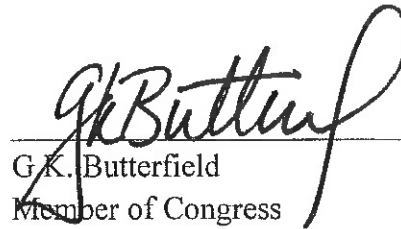
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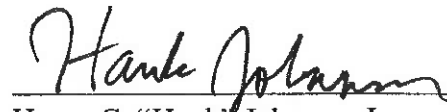
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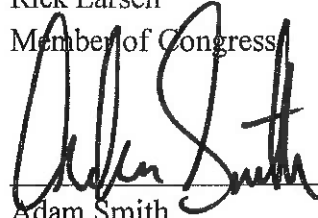
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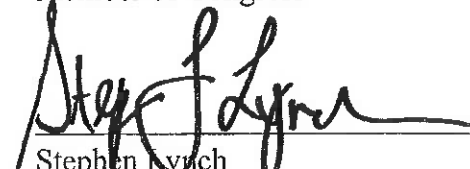
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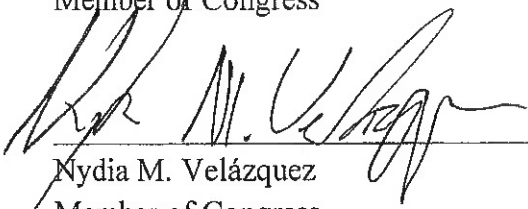
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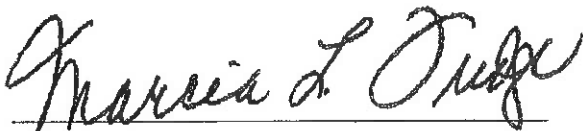
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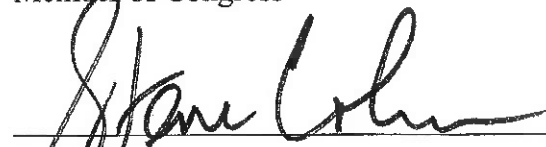
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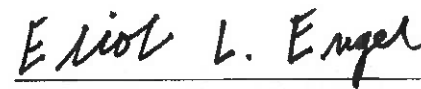
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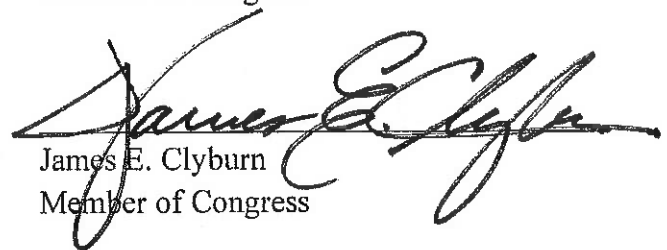
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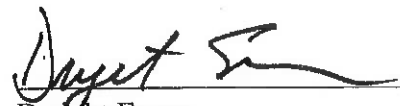
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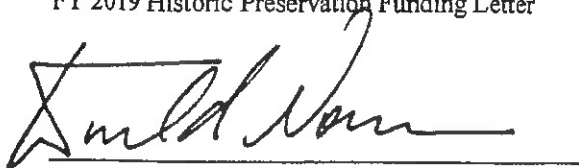


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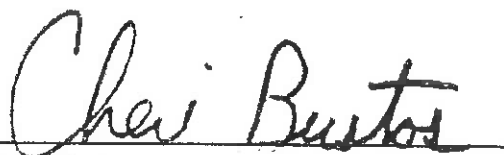


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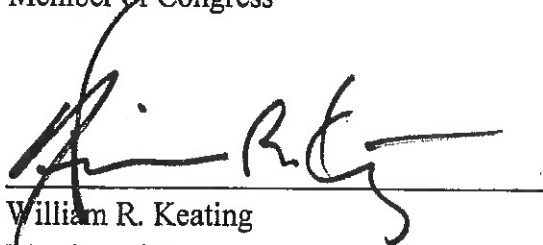
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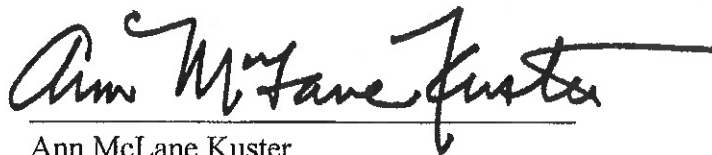
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