

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

March 27, 2014

The Honorable John A. Boehner
Speaker of the House
H-232 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Eric Cantor
House Majority Leader
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The Honorable Bob Goodlatte
Chairman, House Judiciary Committee
2138 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

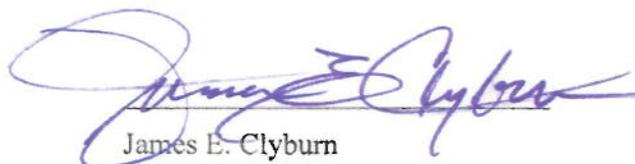
Dear Speaker Boehner, Leader Cantor, and Chairman Goodlatte:

In the Supreme Court's decision in *Shelby County v. Holder* last year, Chief Justice Roberts expressly acknowledged the persistence of voter discrimination and challenged Congress to formulate an updated coverage formula to protect against it. H.R. 3899, the Voting Rights Amendment Act, is a bipartisan bill that would restore the safeguards of the 1965 Voting Rights Act in a manner consistent with the *Shelby County* decision. Some of us believe the bill should be enacted in its current form, and some of us would prefer to see it amended. But all of us stand united in our desire for the House to consider the issue in time for the entire Congress to work its will before the August district work period.

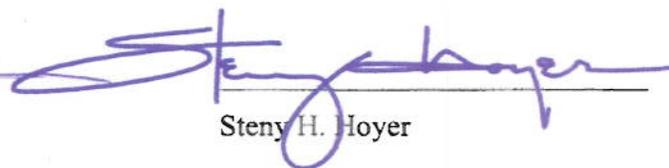
In that spirit, we ask that the Judiciary Committee hold a hearing on this legislation and proceed toward a markup with full confidence that any legislation passed out of the committee will be considered on the House floor. We stand ready to work with you to move the bipartisan bill to the floor expeditiously. We are confident that a bipartisan bill passed by the House would be swiftly passed by the Senate and signed into law by the President.

While we differ in our views on the ideal response to *Shelby County*, we all hope to join you in building on the bipartisan agreement that has been reached to ensure that, as President Ronald Reagan said, "no barrier will come between our citizens and the voting booth."

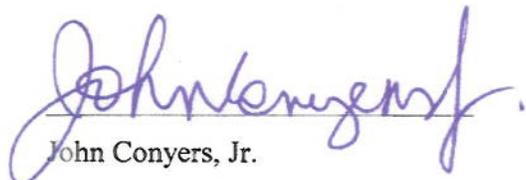
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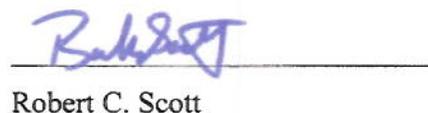
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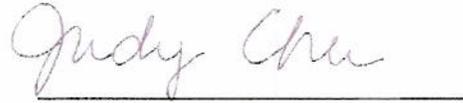
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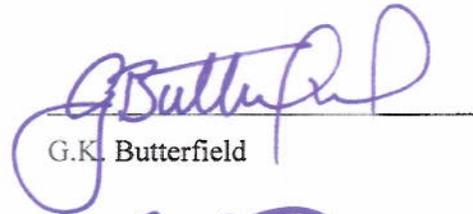
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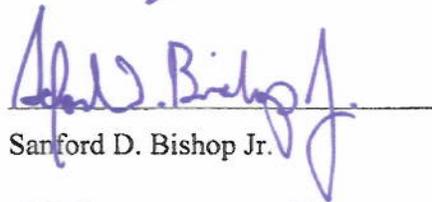
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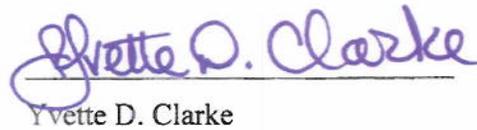
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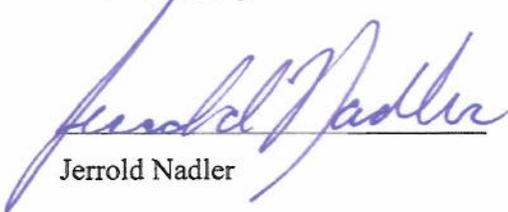
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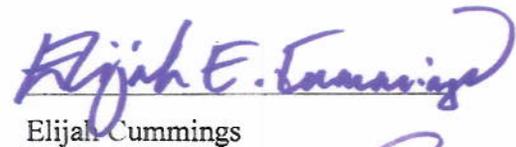
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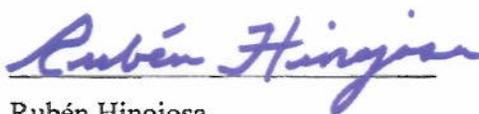
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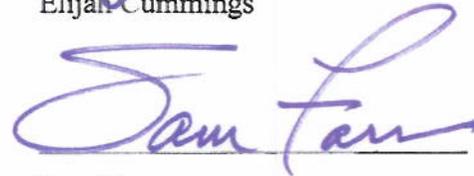
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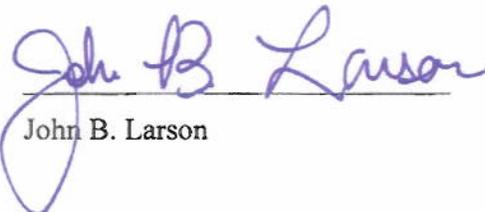
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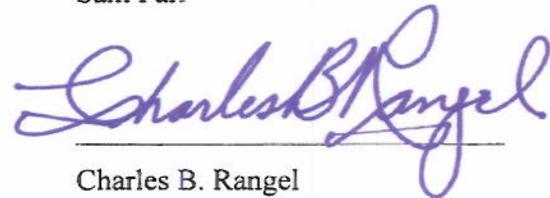
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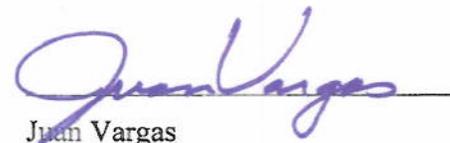
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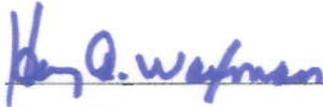
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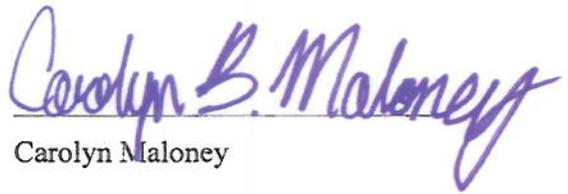
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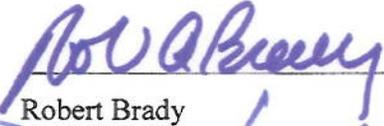
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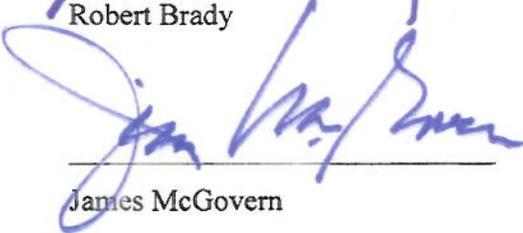
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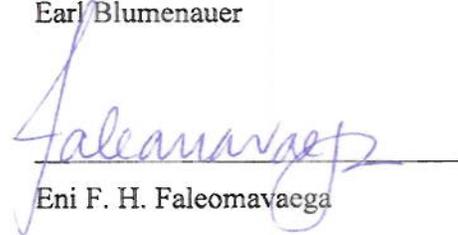
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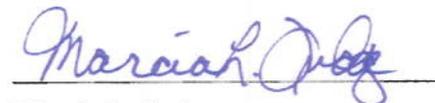
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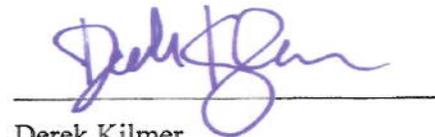
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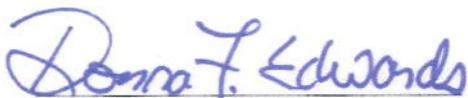
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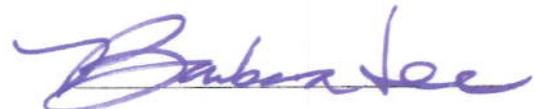
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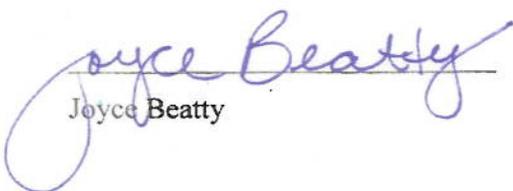
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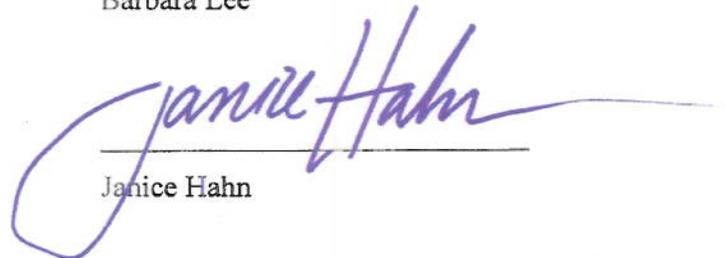
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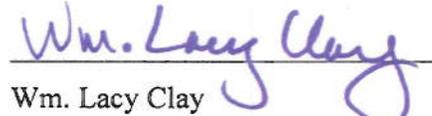


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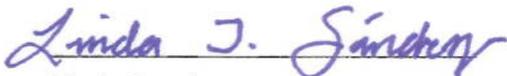

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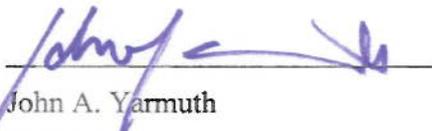

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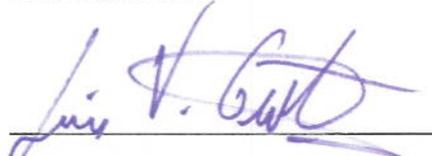

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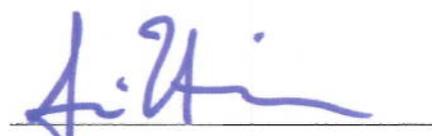

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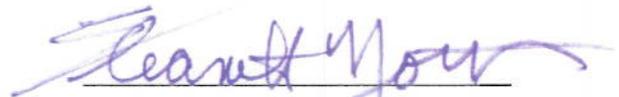

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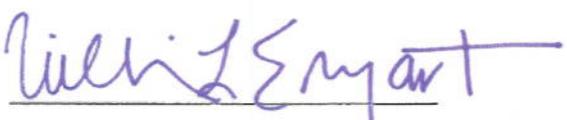

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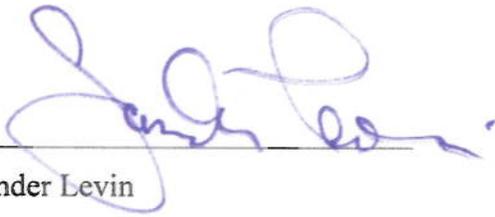

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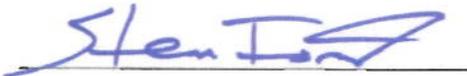

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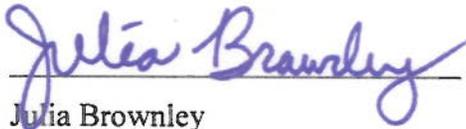
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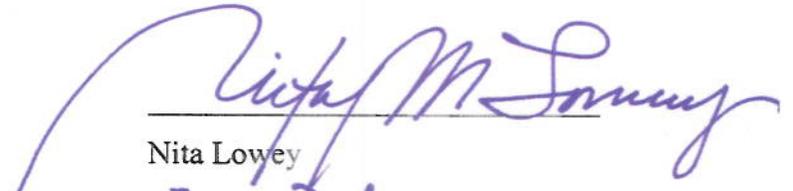
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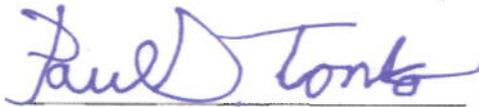
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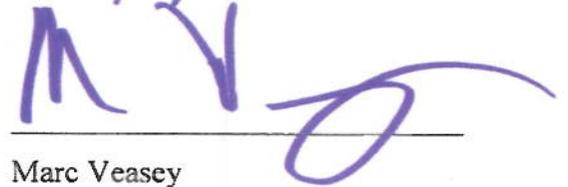
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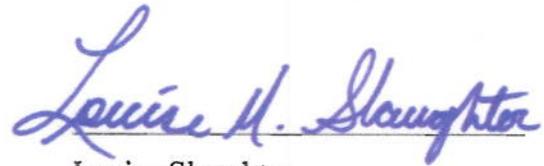
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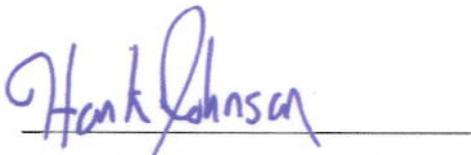
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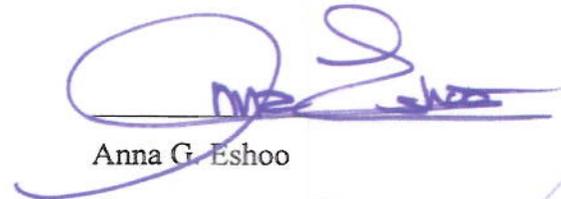
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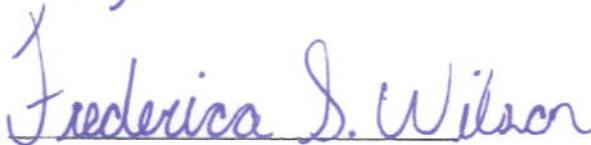
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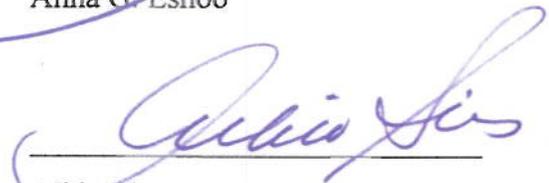
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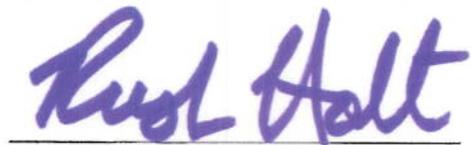
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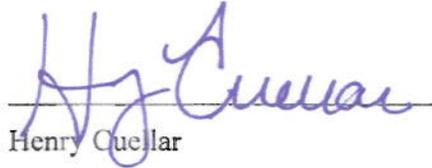
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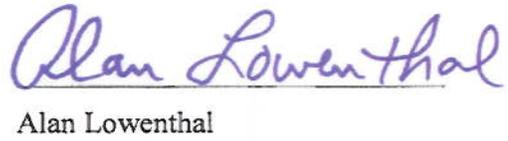


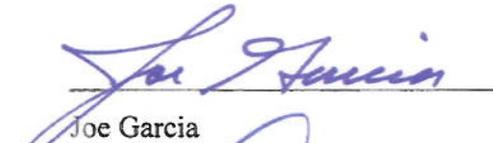
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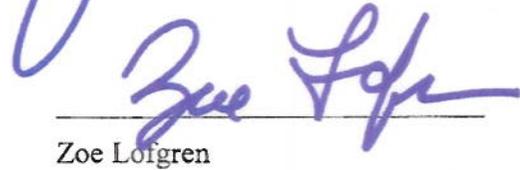

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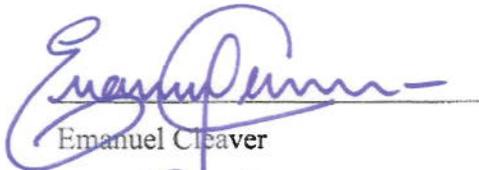

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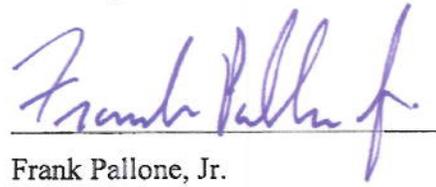

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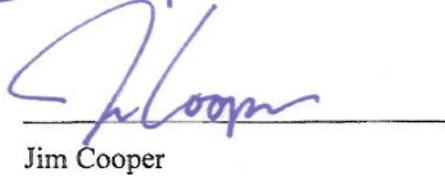

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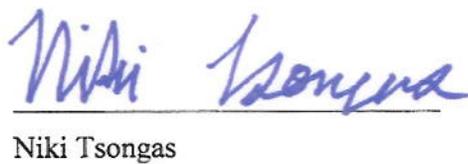

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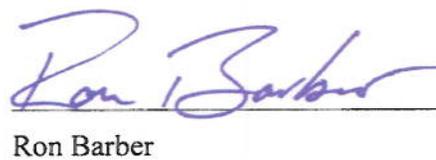

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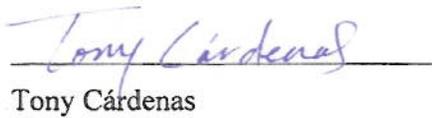

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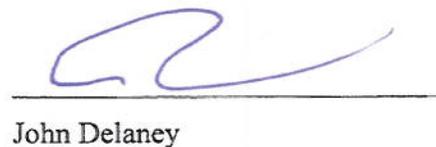

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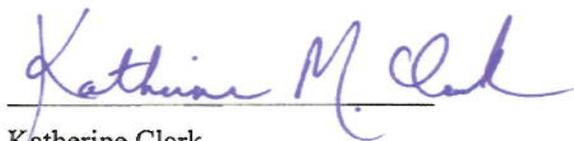

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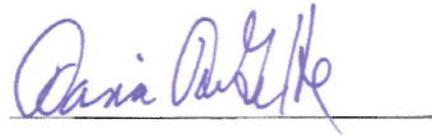

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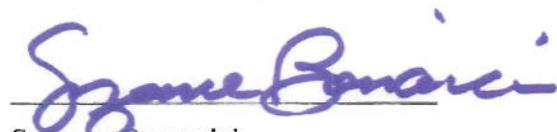

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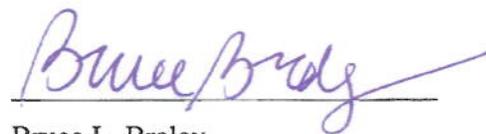

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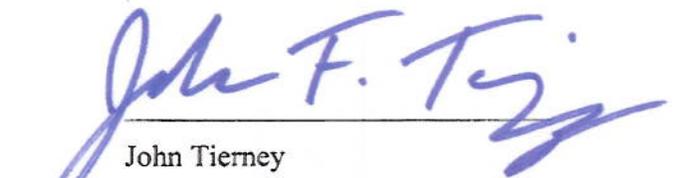

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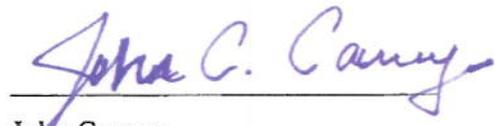

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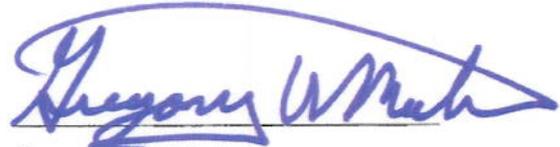

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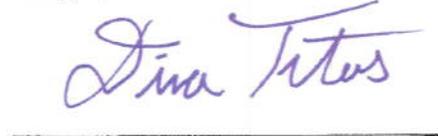

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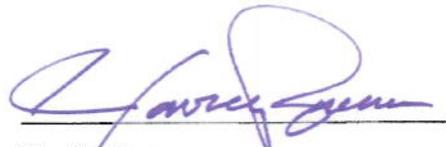

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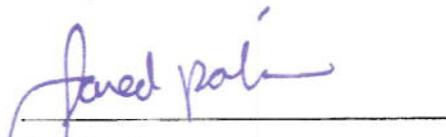

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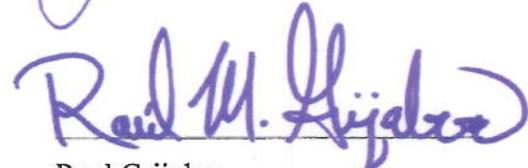

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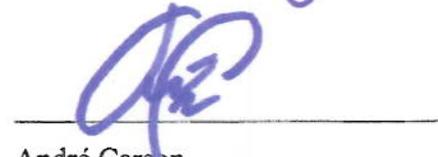

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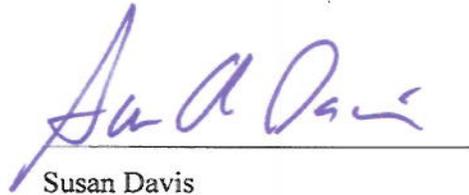

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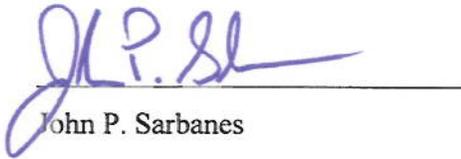

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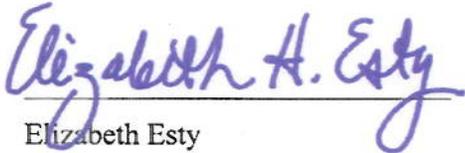
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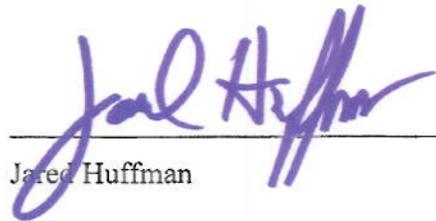
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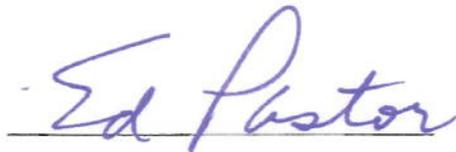
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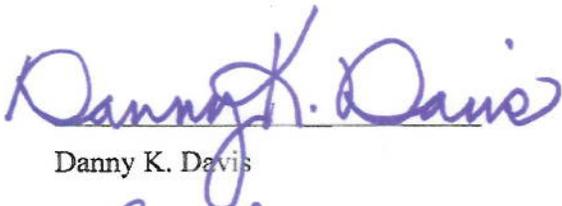
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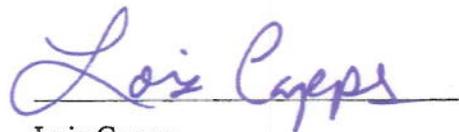
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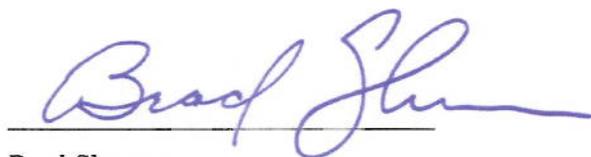
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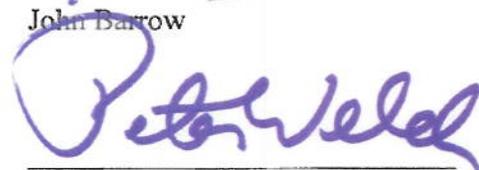
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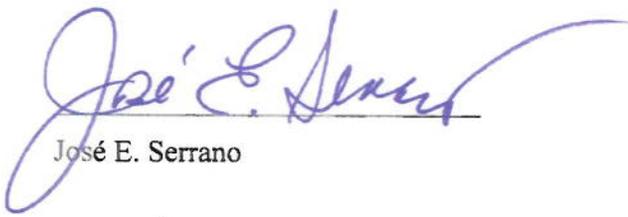
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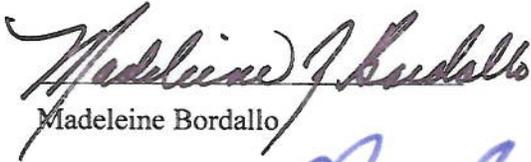
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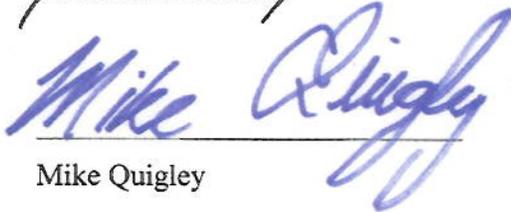
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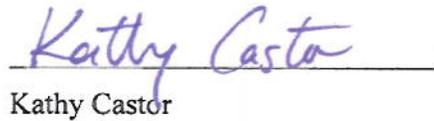

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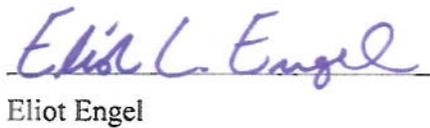

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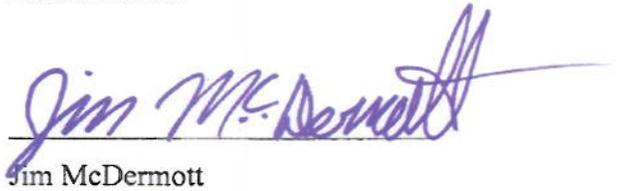

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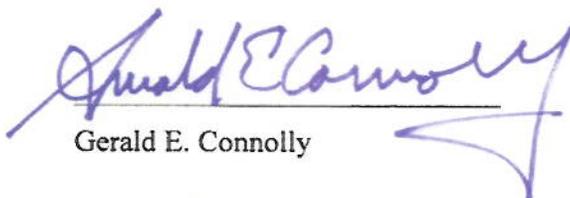

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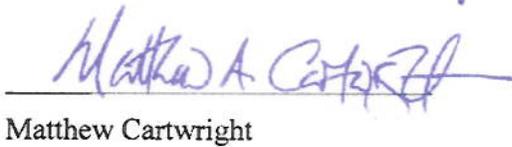

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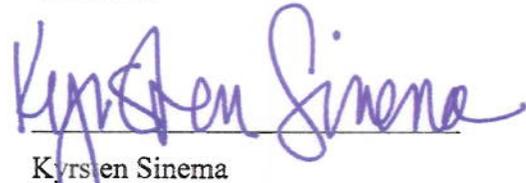

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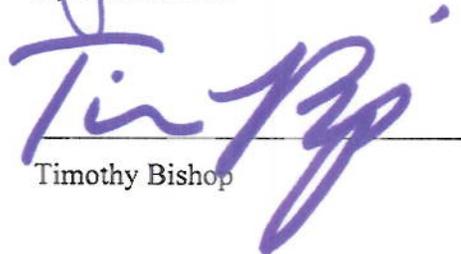

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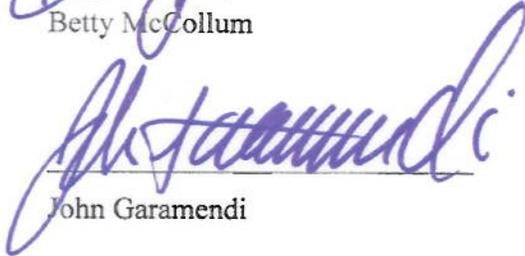

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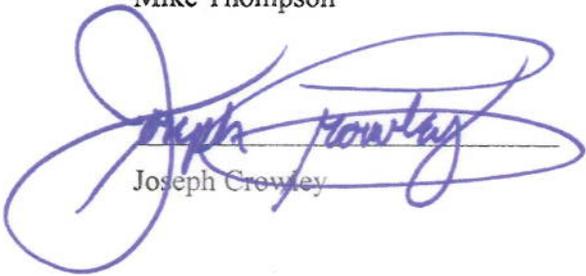

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