

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

July 31, 2014

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

Dear Speaker Boehner,

We, the undersigned Members of Congress, urge you to prevent the United States House of Representatives from adjourning for the August recess. With fewer than 48 hours left before your scheduled adjournment and just ten days legislative work days left in the fiscal year, this body has yet to act on many of the nation's most pressing needs. Adjourning for five weeks with so much left to do is irresponsible and a disservice to the families we represent.

The number of pressing legislative matters that require swift action from Congress is growing by the day. Instead of a five week district-work period, I urge you to allow the House to remain in session so that we can tackle critical legislation that includes:

- **Budget for FY 2015** – The House has only passed 7 of the 12 appropriations bills and is rapidly running out of time before the close of the fiscal year on September 30th. We need a real budget and not the last-minute, crisis-to-crisis approach to budgeting that has become commonplace in this body, and led to last year's shutdown.
- **Comprehensive Immigration Reform** – Bring to the floor either H.R.15 or S.744. The majority of Americans know that our immigration system has long been broken is in desperate need of an overhaul. Comprehensive reform would grow the economy, reduce the deficit by \$900 billion, and help stabilize and preserve Social Security.
- **Reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank** – At the end of September, the Export Import Bank will run out of funding. The bank supports \$237 billion in exports and 4,927 small businesses in the United States. Now is the time to be having a thoughtful debate over merits of the bank, not in September when we are running against the clock.
- **Funding for Wildfires** – Bring to the floor H.R.3992, the Wildfire Disaster Fund Act of 2014. This would increase wildfire disaster relief and provide some much needed relief to communities across the west coast where we are facing one of the most severe fire seasons on record.
- **Voting Rights Act** – Bring to the floor H.R. 3988. One of our most sacred obligations is to protect individuals' right to vote. We need to increase transparency surrounding voting changes, and reestablish federal oversight of elections in states that have demonstrated violations of voting laws

- **Equal Pay for Equal Work** – Bring to the floor H.R. 377. It has been 553 days since the Paycheck Fairness Act was introduced in the House of Representatives. Failure to act on this commonsense legislation is an affront to women and families around the country who are working hard every day and failing to make the same amount as their male counterparts.

Speaker Boehner, these are merely a few of the countless reasons to not adjourn for August recess. Devoting our time to tackling these issues is the job the American people hired us to do. We urge you not to adjourn so that we in Congress can do right by the people of this country.

Sincerely,



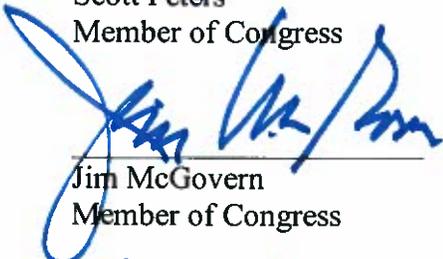
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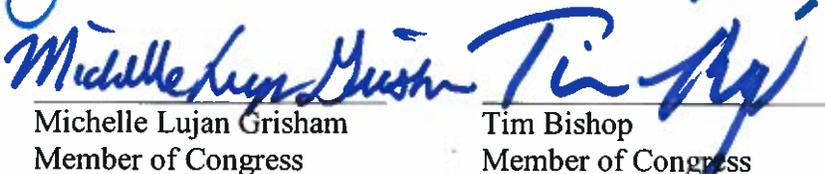
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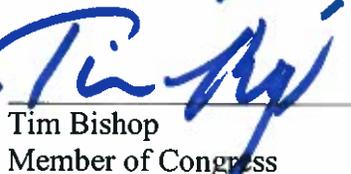
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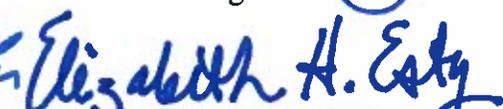
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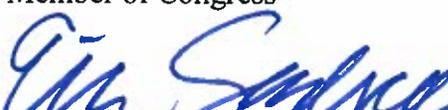
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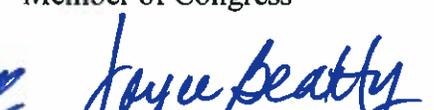
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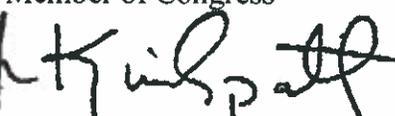
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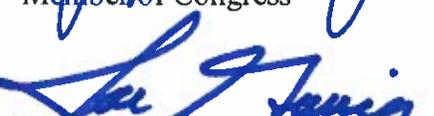
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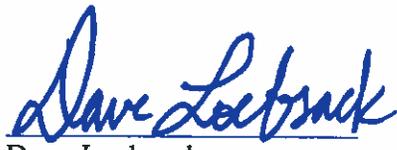
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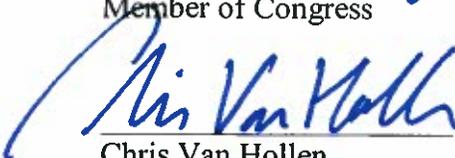


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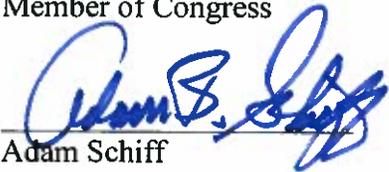

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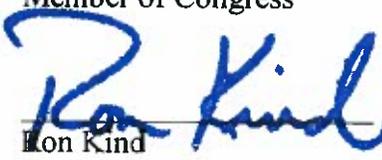

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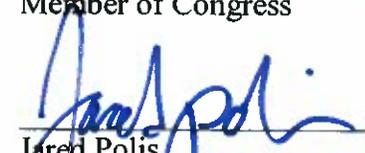

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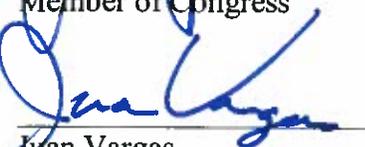

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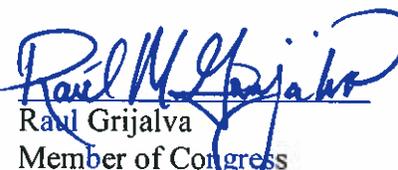

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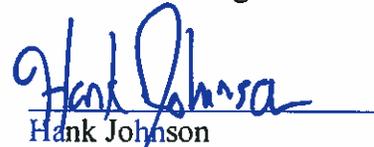

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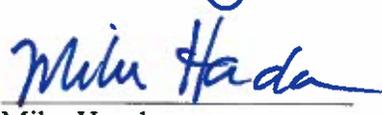

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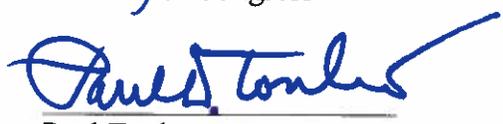

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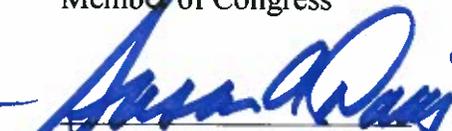

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