

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

September 27, 2012

President José Manuel Barroso  
President of the European Commission  
European Commission  
c/o Delegation of the European Union to the United States of America  
2175 K Street, NW,  
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Dear President Barroso,

As members of the United States Congress committed to partnership between our country and the European Union in the vital effort to fight terrorism, we write to urge the Commission to include Hezbollah on the European Union's list of terrorist organizations.

Hezbollah's fingerprints are on terror attacks across the globe, including on European soil. On July 18, 2012, five Israeli tourists and a Bulgarian were killed and dozens were injured in a terrorist attack in Burgas, Bulgaria. The method of the attack, the type of explosive used, and its intended victims mirror many attacks perpetrated around the world by Hezbollah.

In 1983, Hezbollah killed hundreds of French and American soldiers when they bombed the barracks of the Multinational Force in Lebanon. In a murderous barrage in Buenos Aires, Hezbollah bombed the Israeli Embassy in 1992 and the AMIA Jewish Community Center in 1994. In 2006, Hezbollah fired thousands of missiles into northern Israel.

Suicide bombing was introduced to the Middle East by Hezbollah, and the group has continually engaged in the practice against military targets and innocent civilians. The group is known for abducting foreigners and holding them hostage, sometimes for years. South Lebanon's instability and lawlessness is primarily due to Hezbollah's presence in the region; even though Security Council resolutions 1559 and 1701 specifically call for the disbanding of all militias in Lebanon, Hezbollah continues to expand there.

For decades, Iran and Syria have armed, financed, and trained Hezbollah. Both countries provide Hezbollah with stockpiles of missiles that can easily hit cities and towns in Israel. Additionally, with the acquiescence of the Assad regime, weapons and equipment are regularly shuttled from Iran through Syria to the hands of Hezbollah operatives in Lebanon. In recent days, the world has watched as Hezbollah returns the favor by supporting Assad's murderous attacks against his own people.

Some argue that Hezbollah, besides acting as an armed militia, also serves as a political party and provider of social services. However, it is undeniably first and foremost an organization that

perpetrates acts of terrorism. Moreover, and even more disturbingly, Hezbollah's services are provided almost exclusively in order to advance the organization's terrorist agenda.

The U.S. Department of State designated Hezbollah as a Foreign Terrorist Organization (FTO) when the label was established under the U.S. Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996. Groups designated as FTOs immediately have their assets frozen, and support of the group is criminalized. In light of Hezbollah's flagrant identification with terror, its implication in a long and ongoing series of violent acts, and its close alliance with a brutal regime in Damascus that is responsible for daily terrorism on a national scale, we urge the European Union to do the same.

Respectfully,



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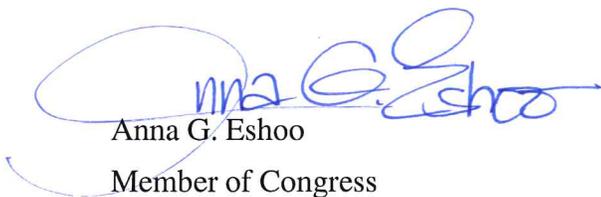
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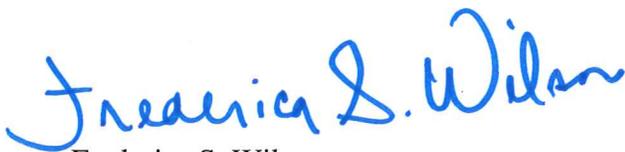
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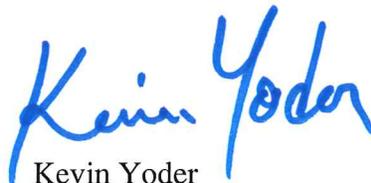
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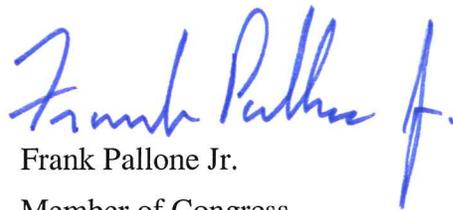
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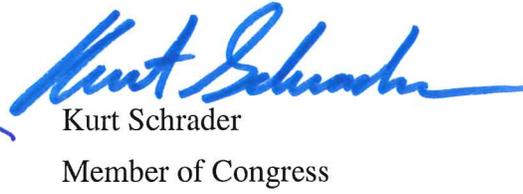
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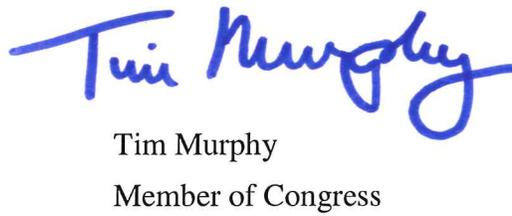
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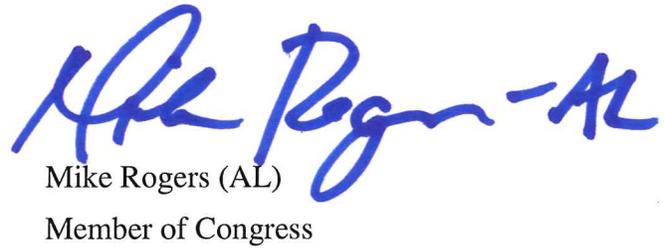
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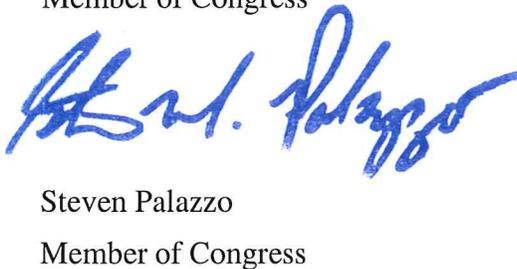
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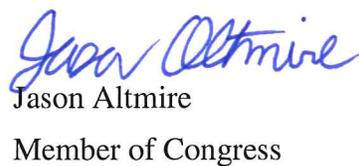
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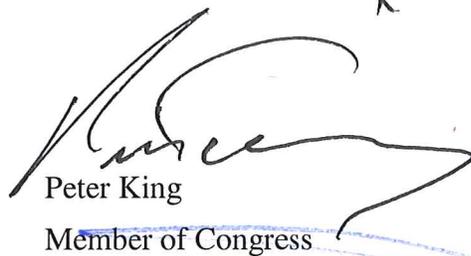
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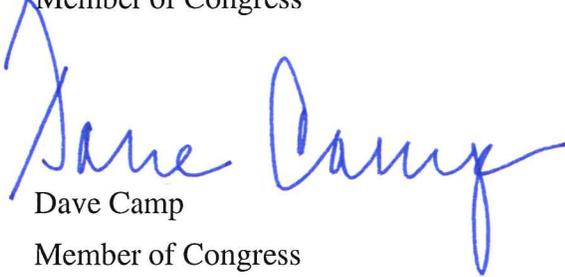
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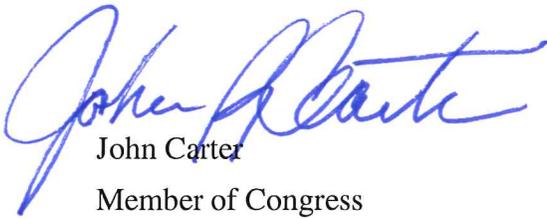
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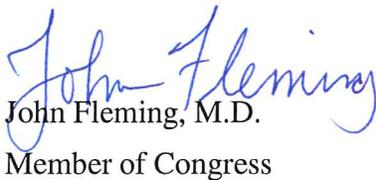
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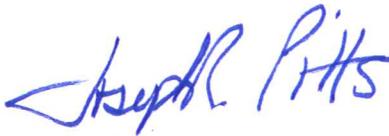
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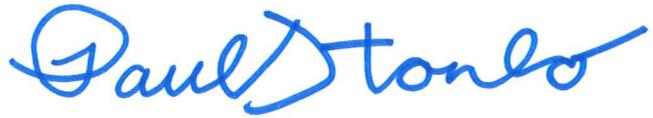
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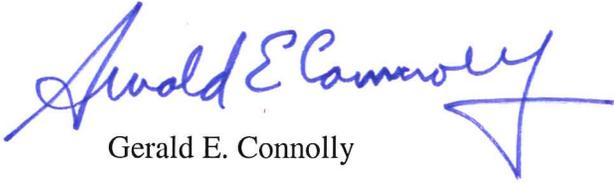
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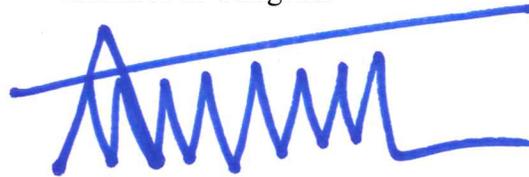
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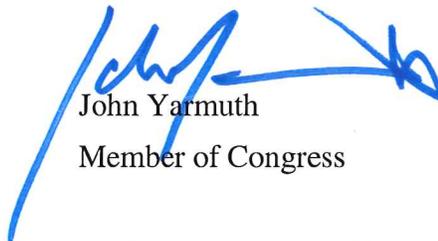
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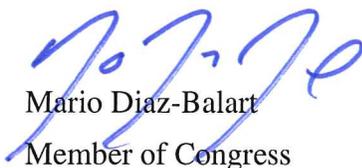
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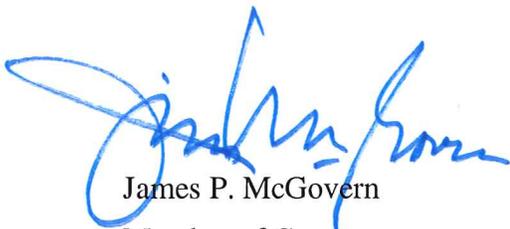
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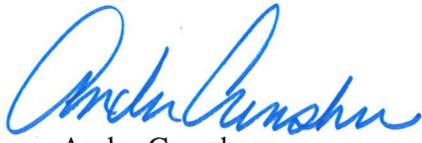
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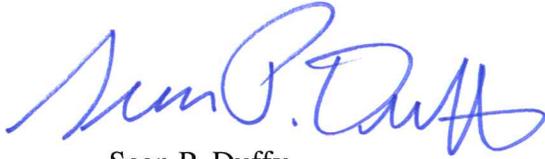
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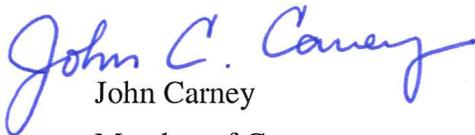
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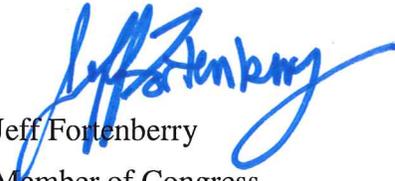
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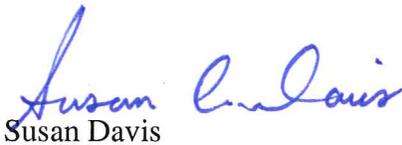
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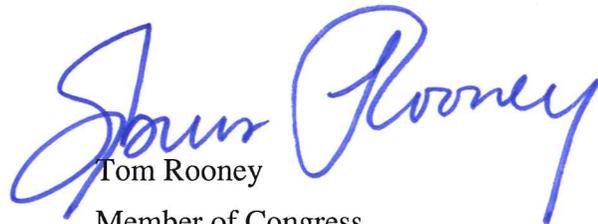
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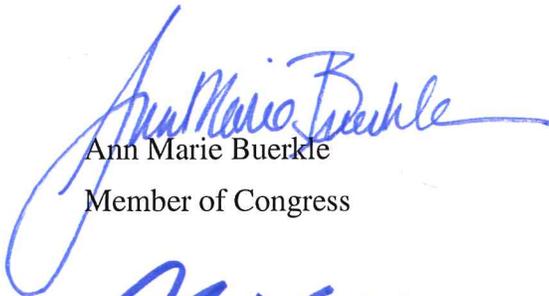
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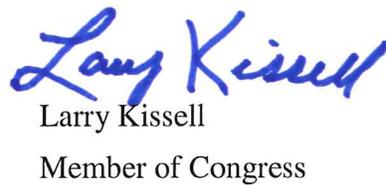
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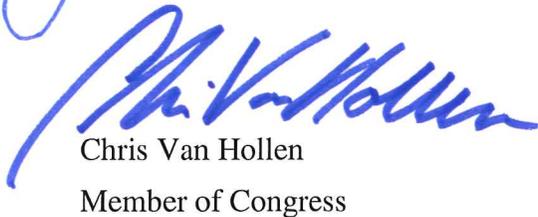
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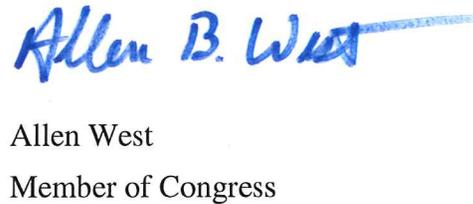
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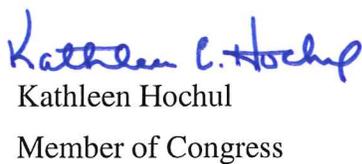
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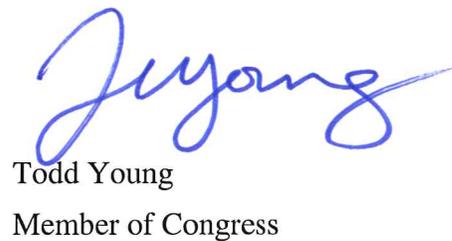
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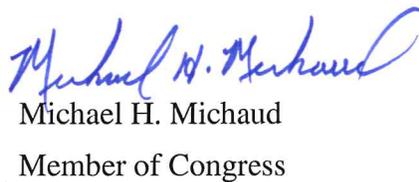
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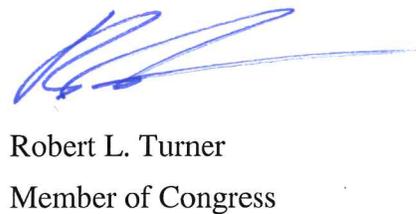
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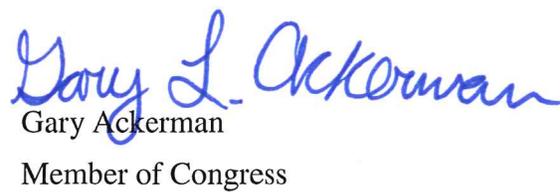
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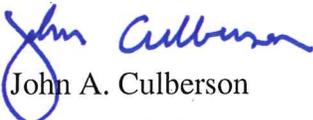
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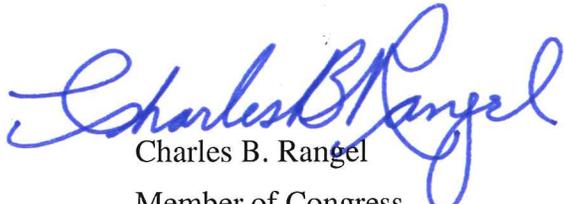
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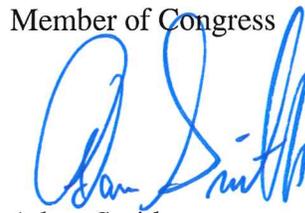
  
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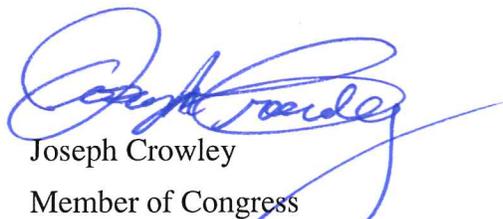
  
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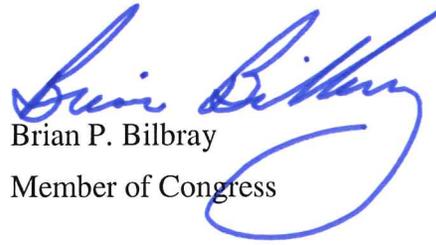
  
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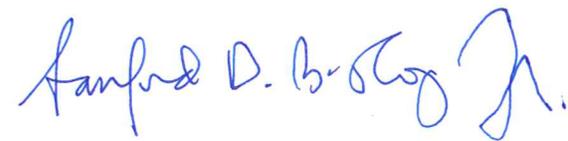
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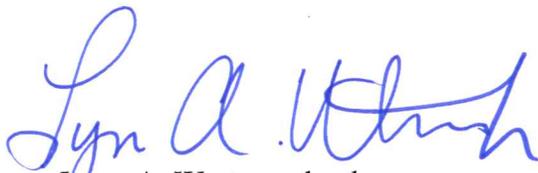
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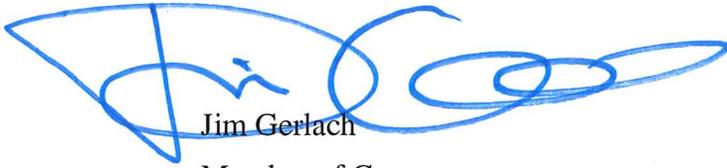
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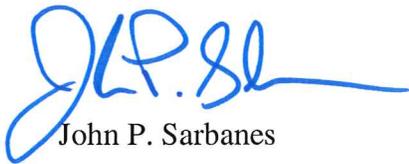
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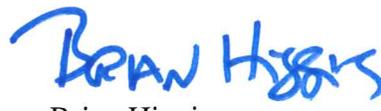
  
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