

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515-3302

September 21, 2023

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries  
Minority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker McCarthy, Leader Jeffries, Chairwoman Granger, and Ranking Member DeLauro:

We write to urge you to bring forward appropriations bills without harmful poison pill policy riders to adequately fund the federal government in Fiscal Year 2024.

Bogging down the appropriations process with controversial policy debates is contributing to another damaging political impasse. Given our country's many ongoing challenges and urgent needs, the House of Representatives must work cooperatively to complete the appropriations process in a timely manner. Clean funding bills – free of contentious poison pill riders – represent the best path forward as we work to fulfill our duty to the American people to keep the federal government running.

In addition, we strongly urge the Appropriations Committee to provide adequate funding to non-defense discretionary programs. Enacting domestic spending levels below the caps set by the bipartisan debt ceiling package would threaten the health, safety, security, and economic well-being of our constituents.

Again, consistent with the best traditions of the House and the best interests of our country, we strongly urge you to advance responsible appropriations legislation free of poison pill provisions. We owe it to the American people to pass appropriations bills that meet the urgent needs of today and invest in America's future.

Sincerely,



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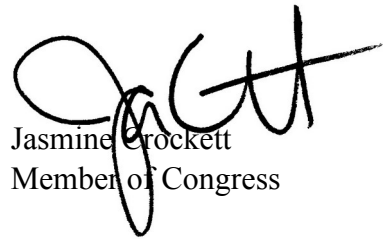
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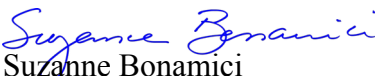
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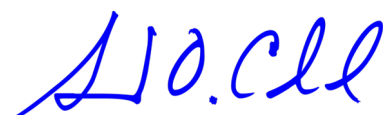
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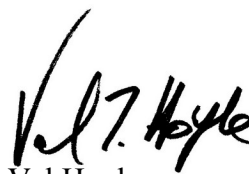
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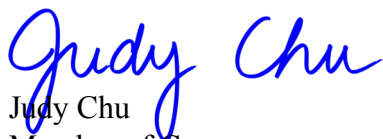
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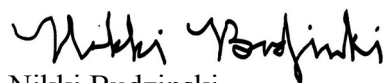
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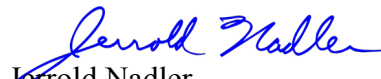
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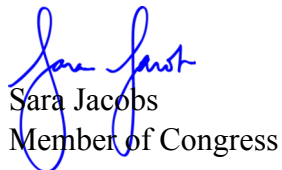
  
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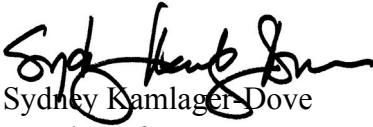
  
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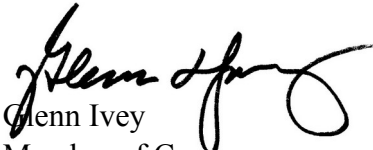
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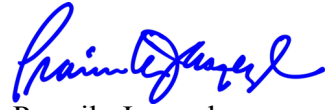
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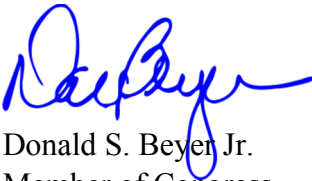
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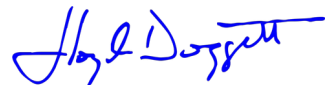
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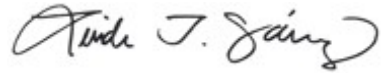


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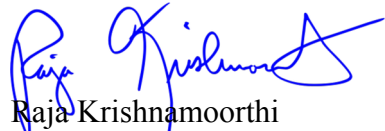
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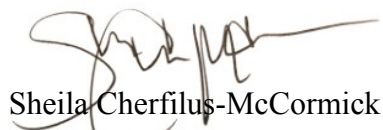
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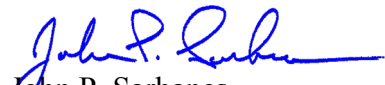
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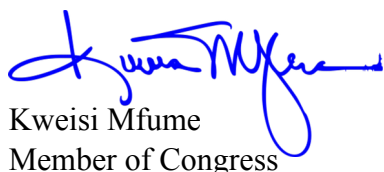
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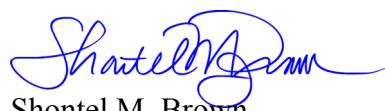
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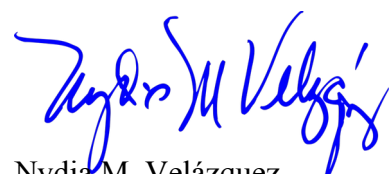
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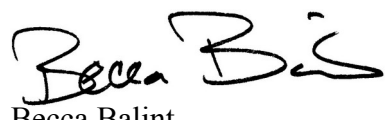
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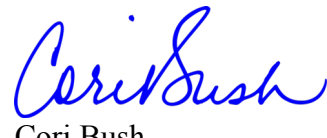
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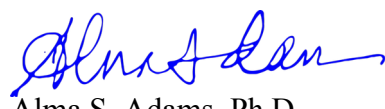
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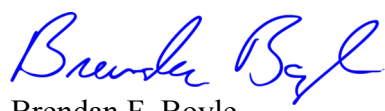
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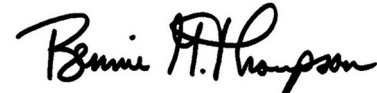
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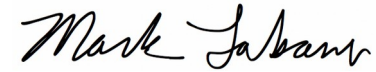
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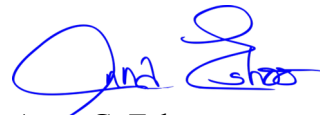
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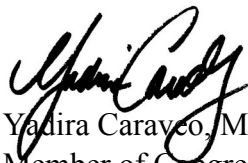
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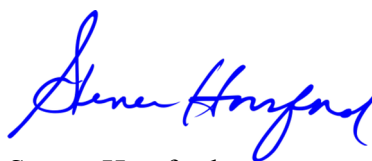
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