

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

December 16, 2009

President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

The United States Government has long argued to the World Trade Organization (WTO) that European governments illegally subsidized the development of Airbus aircraft. On September 4th of this year, the WTO issued an interim ruling upholding this claim.

Your U.S. Trade Representative – Ambassador Ron Kirk – recently stated that these illegal subsidies “caused adverse effects to the interests of the United States.” As a result, our nation’s industries and workers have suffered. It is imperative that Federal government policies work to ensure a level playing field, allowing U.S. businesses to be competitive in the global economy. These policies should enable further development of the skills and capacity of the American workforce and create jobs here at home. Our policies should not reward foreign governments or companies that benefited from illegal subsidies.

When the WTO’s final ruling in this matter confirms U.S. claims that Airbus products were illegally subsidized, we will be committed to ensuring this principle is upheld.

Sincerely,



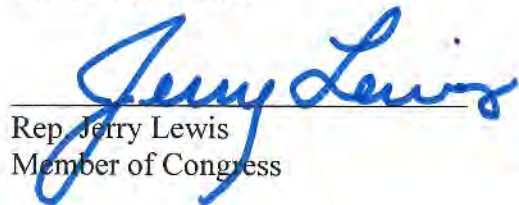
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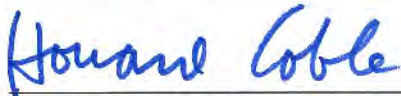
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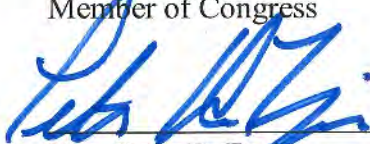
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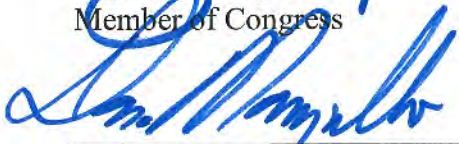
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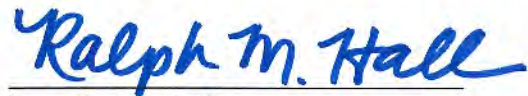
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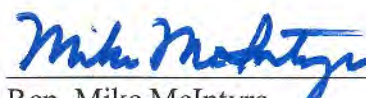
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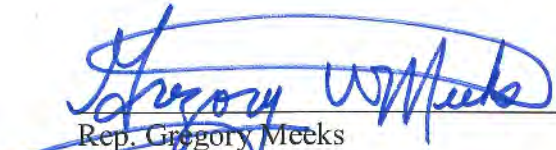
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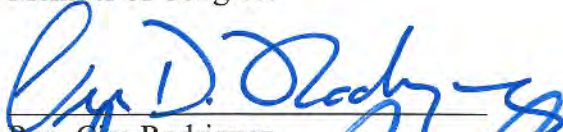
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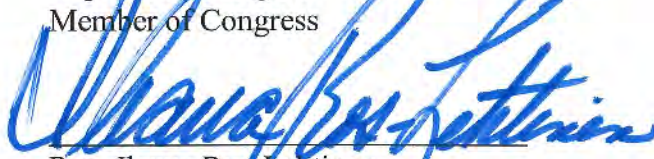


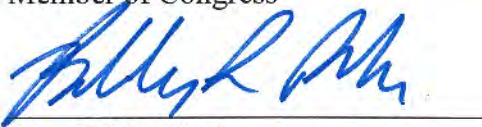
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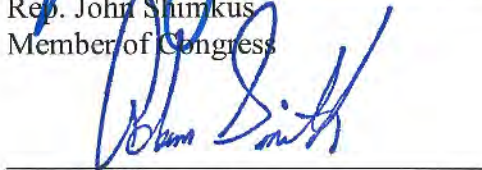

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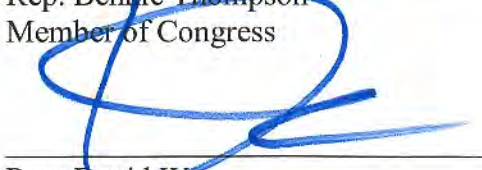

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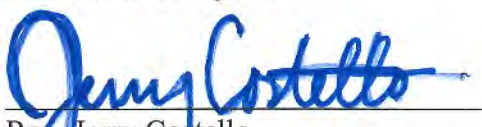

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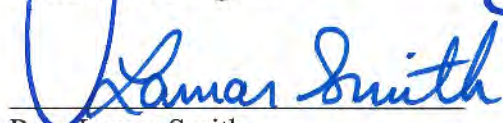

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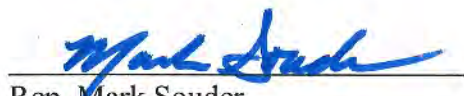

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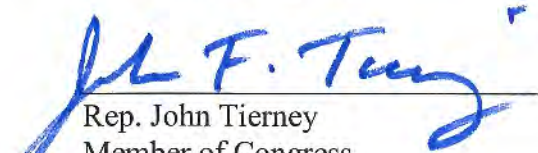

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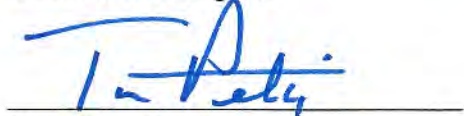

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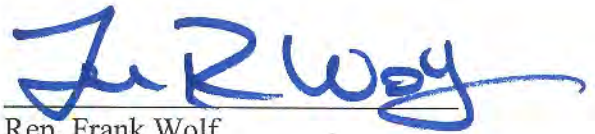
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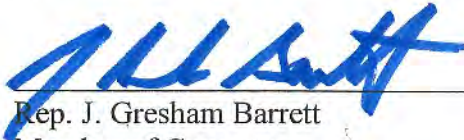
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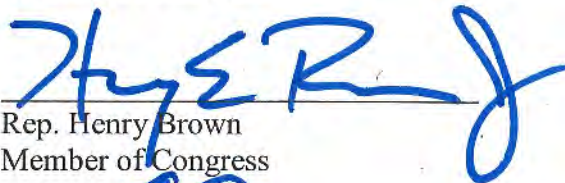
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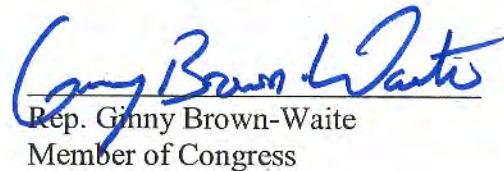
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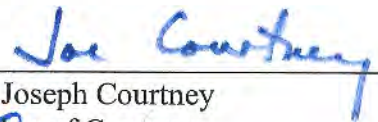
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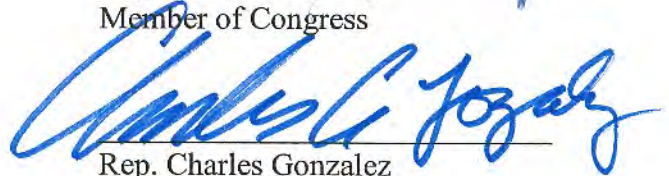
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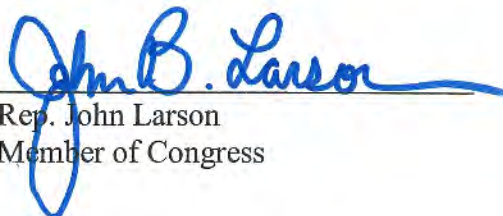
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