

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

June 1, 2018

The Honorable Paul D. Ryan
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Ryan and Leader Pelosi:

It is no secret that America's infrastructure needs significant investment. Decades of neglect are hurting middle class families in every congressional district. In 2017, the average American motorist spent over 40 hours in traffic, costing them \$1,445 due to wasted time, fuel, and higher prices for household goods. Today, one in five miles of highway pavement is in poor condition and the average motorist spends \$523 a year on maintenance due to rough roads. The same is true of critical systems supporting our electrical infrastructure and data and information services. Inaction is not an option.

For too long, Congress has ignored the needs of communities across America while squandering the investments of past generations. Short-term fixes won't work. We must act in a responsible and bipartisan manner to pass a significant, long-term infrastructure investment bill. As such, we urge any final bill to do the following:

- Increase direct federal infrastructure investment;
- Address the long-term solvency of existing federal funding accounts, like the Highway Trust Fund;
- Complement and strengthen existing financing tools, such as municipal bonds and Private Activity Bonds;
- Strengthen efficiencies to improve federal permitting processes without losing key public protections; and
- Encourage active participation among all levels of government and between the public and private sectors without shifting federal responsibilities.

We have an opportunity to pass a comprehensive infrastructure bill that provides the funding and financing tools to truly transform the economy. We are committed to working across the aisle to deliver a well-functioning, stable national network that ensures our nation's infrastructure is second to none.

Sincerely,



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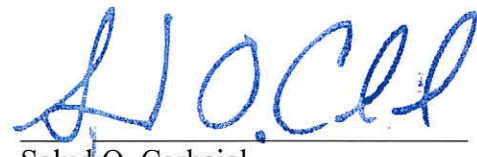
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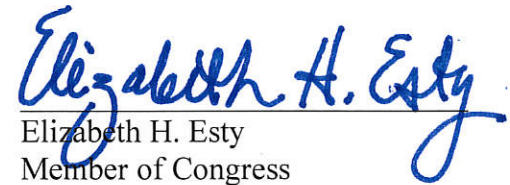
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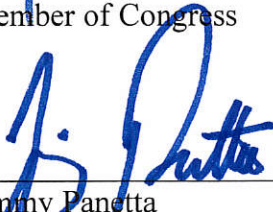
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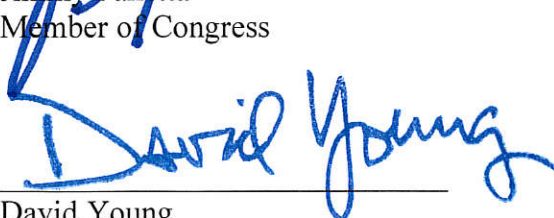
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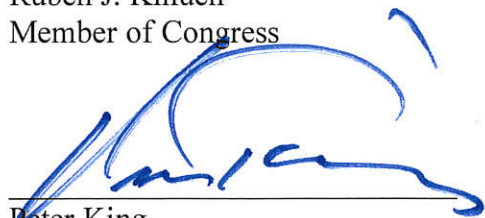
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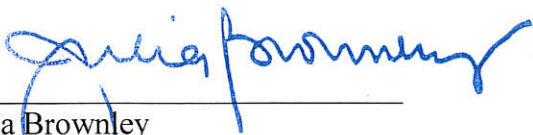
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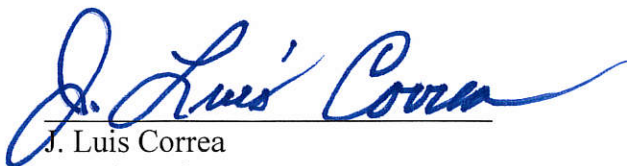
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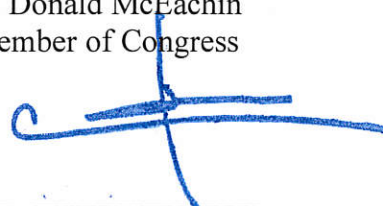
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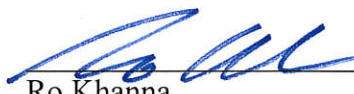
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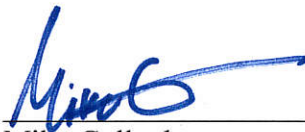
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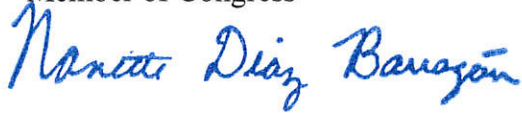
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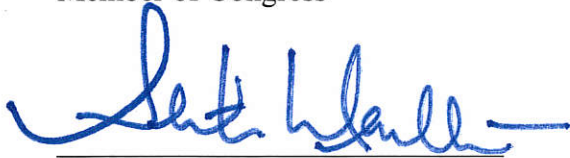
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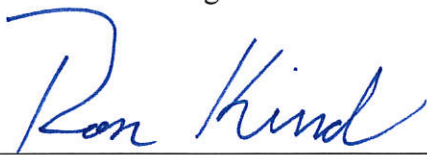
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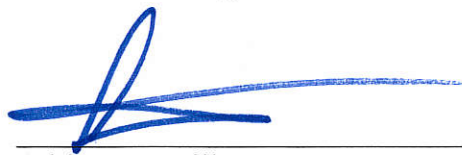
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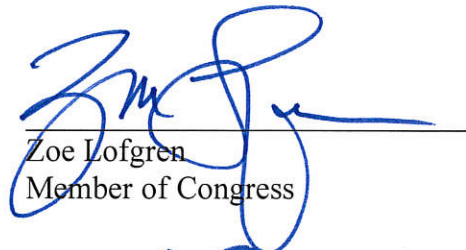
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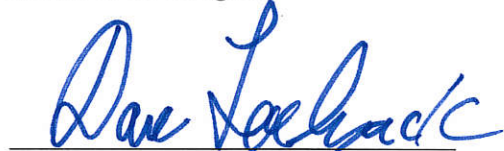
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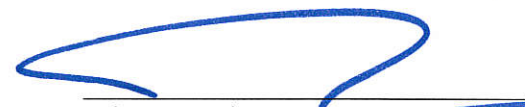
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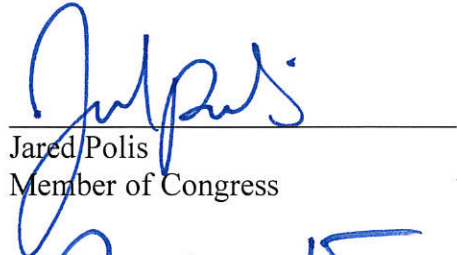
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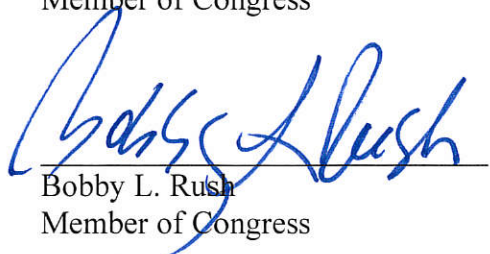
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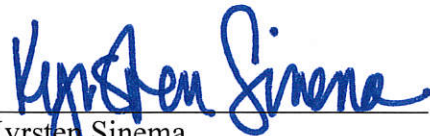
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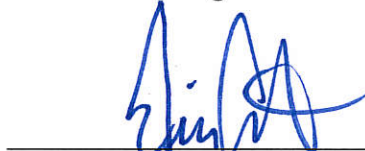
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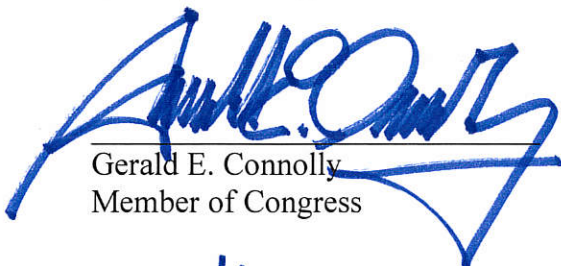
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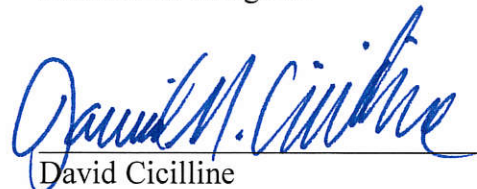
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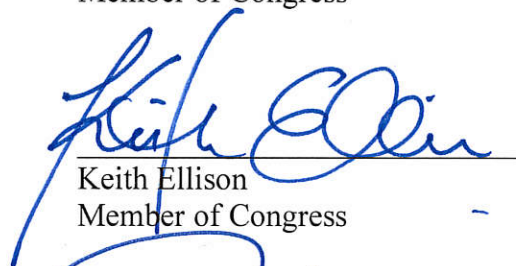
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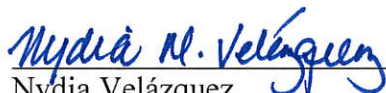
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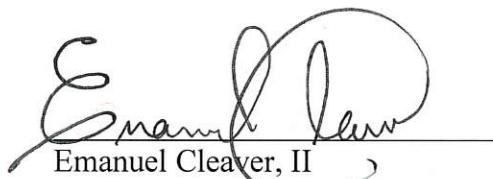
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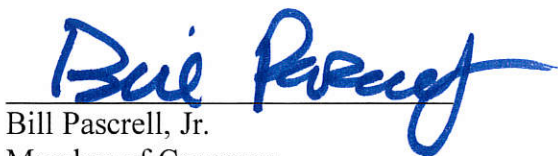
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