

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

July 13, 2016

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

Speaker Ryan:

We request that the U.S. House of Representatives immediately do its job and act to address the ongoing public health crisis in Flint, Mich. The people of Flint continue to lack access to safe drinking water and need emergency funding to respond and recover to this health emergency affecting 100,000 Americans.

In recent months, this Congress has brought forth legislation regarding other crises including the Puerto Rican debt crisis, the Zika virus and the opioid addiction epidemic, but has failed to bring up legislation to send resources to Flint to deal with the water crisis. The impacts of lead, a dangerous neurotoxin, are permanent and life-long. While nothing can be done to reverse lead's effects on the body, Congress can act to provide resources to Flint and minimize leads impact on the victims. Each day that passes that we fail to take action is a day that the children of Flint cannot get back.

Since President Barack Obama declared a state of emergency for the city of Flint in January, the Administration has used existing authorities to respond to the crisis. The current authorities and funding, however, are not enough to fully address the crisis.

The Families of Flint Act, H.R. 4479, has the support of 172 Members of Congress and would provide federal funding to help Flint recover from this man-made crisis. All of the funding in the Families of Flint Act must be matched by the state of Michigan; the state bears the majority of the responsibility for fixing the crisis that it caused. The federal government must also step up to provide the necessary help. The Families of Flint Act would provide the emergency and long term resources needed for Flint while sharing responsibility.

The House of Representatives must act immediately to provide the necessary help to Flint and respond to the water crisis as it has in the past for other Americans in crisis.

Sincerely,



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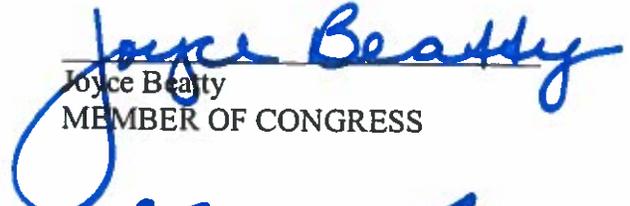
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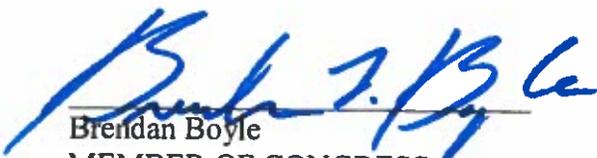
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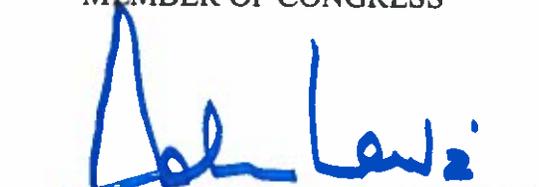

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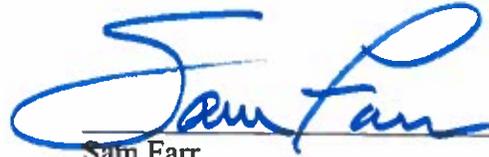

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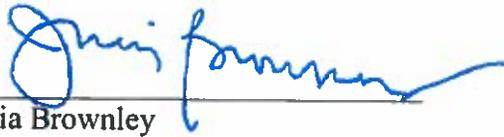

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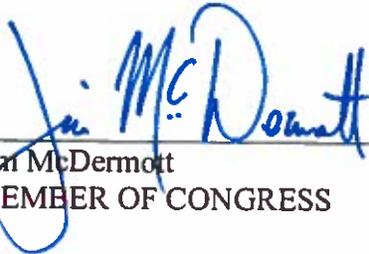
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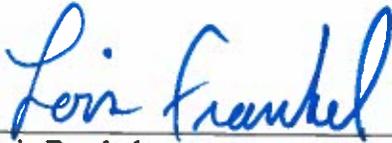
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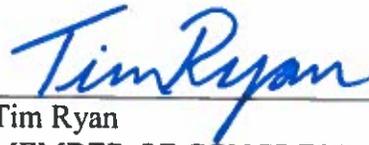
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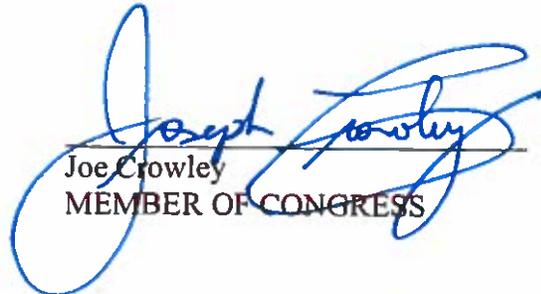
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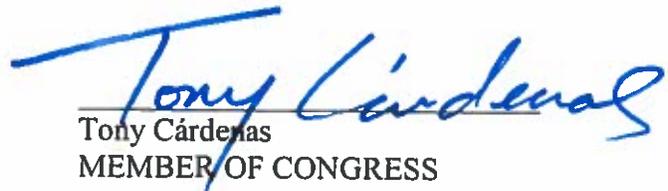
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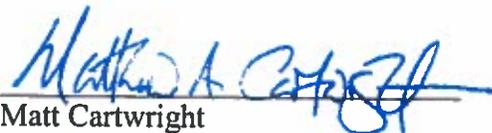
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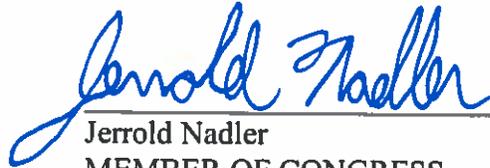
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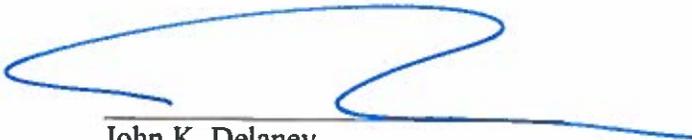
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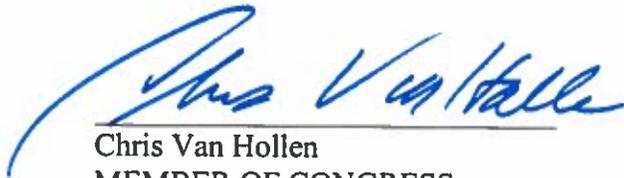
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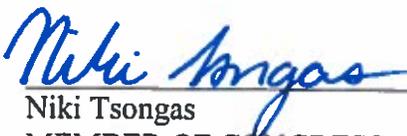
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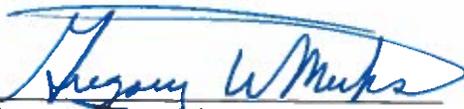
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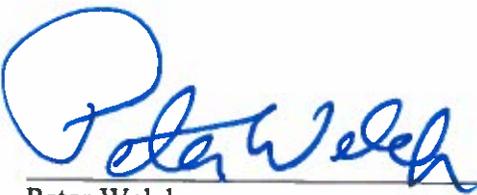

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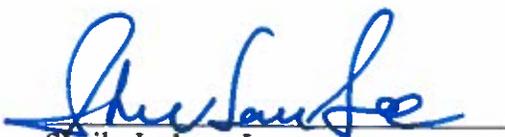

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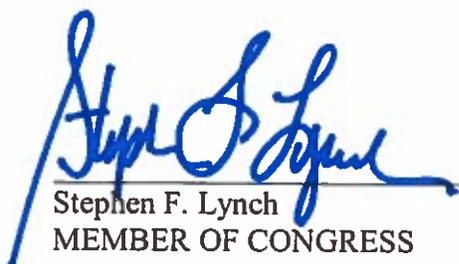

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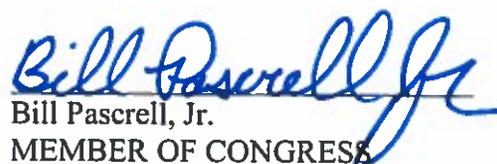

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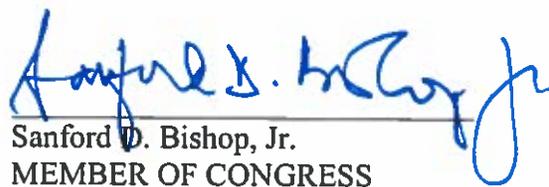

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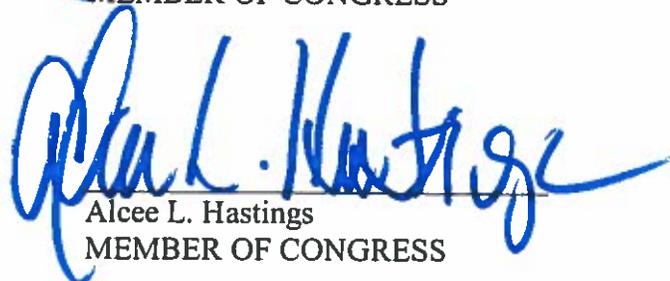

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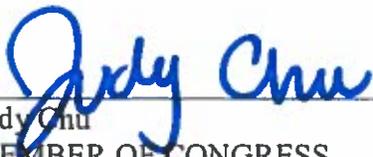

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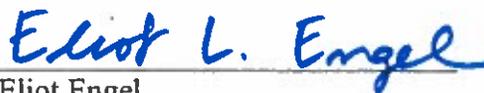
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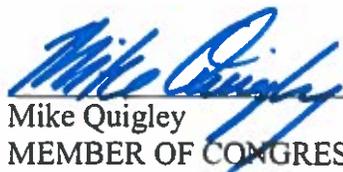
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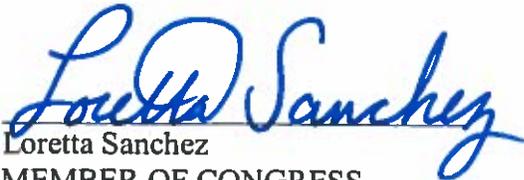
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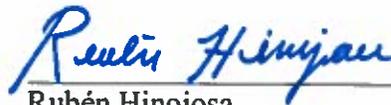
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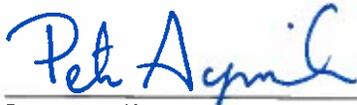
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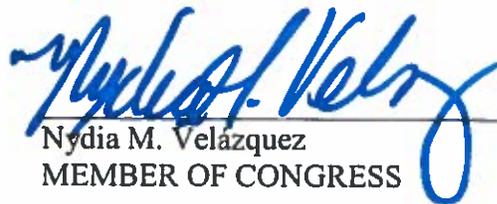
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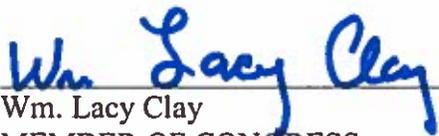
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