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Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
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September 25, 2015

The Honorable John A. Boehner  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-232 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 2015

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Democratic Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-204 The Capitol  
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Dear Speaker Boehner and Leader Pelosi,

We write to urge immediate action to reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). After 50 years as one of our country's most successful outdoor recreation and conservation programs, LWCF needs to be reauthorized by Congress before September 30, 2015.

If LWCF is not reauthorized, every state and district in the country will feel the damaging consequences to our nation's natural, historical, and cultural landmarks. Furthermore, jobs and economic development in our districts will suffer. Studies have found that every dollar invested in land acquisition or improvement generates a \$4 return for communities, and the broader outdoor recreation and conservation economy is responsible for more than \$600 billion in consumer spending every year.

LWCF is our nation's premier program to help local communities protect the places they love. It has conserved iconic landscapes in every state and territory and is responsible for more than 40,000 state and local outdoor recreation projects such as playgrounds, parks, refuges, and baseball fields. Unlike many other programs, LWCF is already paid for. LWCF funds are primarily derived from oil and gas receipts paid to the federal government by energy companies that extract publicly-owned resources from the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS).

With such widespread impact, there is strong bipartisan support behind LWCF, and 88% of Americans want Congress to preserve it. We strongly urge you to schedule a vote to reauthorize the program before its September 30, 2015 expiration. Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Richard M. Nolan  
Member of Congress

Ann Kirkpatrick  
Member of Congress

Diana DeGette  
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CC: The Honorable Rob Bishop, Chairman, Natural Resources Committee  
The Honorable Raul Grijalva, Ranking Member, Natural Resources Committee

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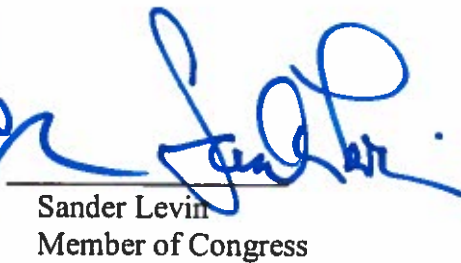
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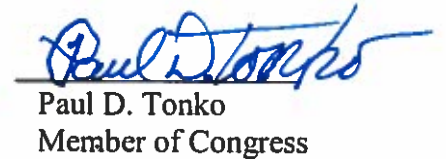
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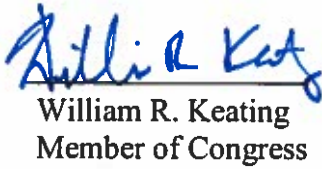
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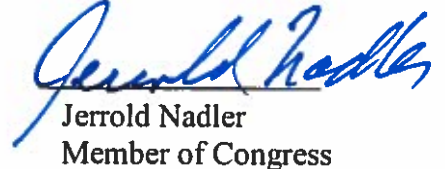
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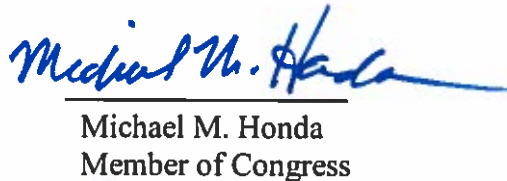
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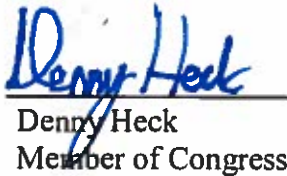
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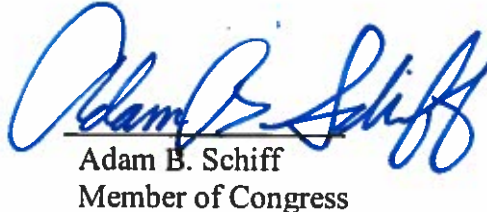
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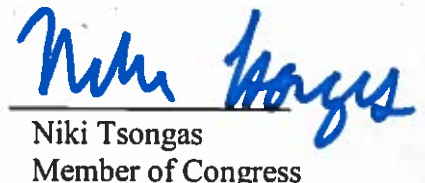
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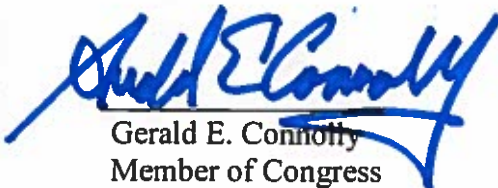
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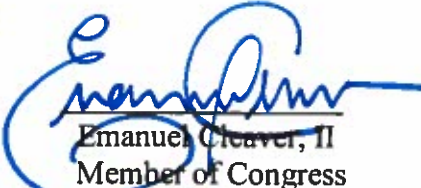
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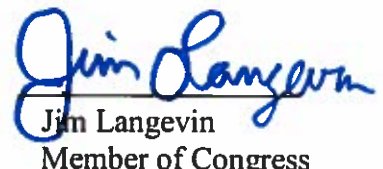
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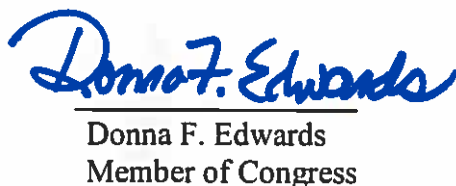
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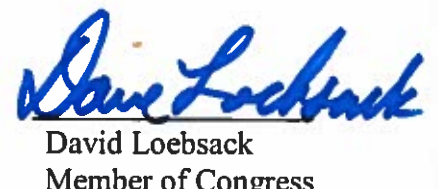
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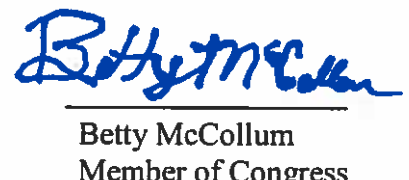
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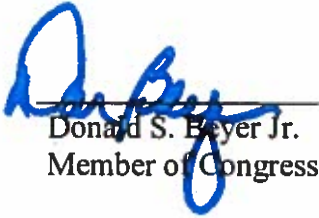
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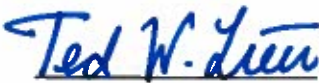
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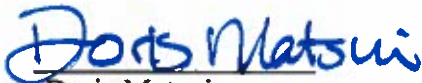
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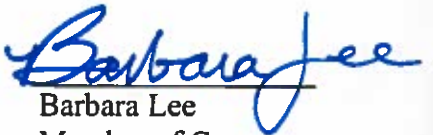
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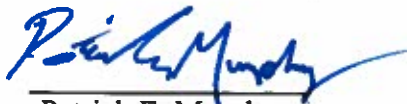
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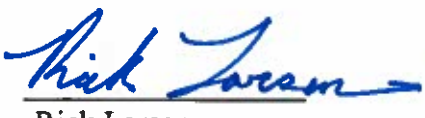
  
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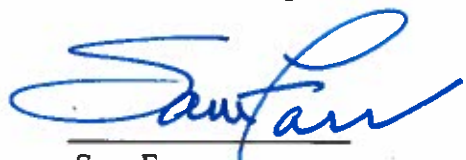
  
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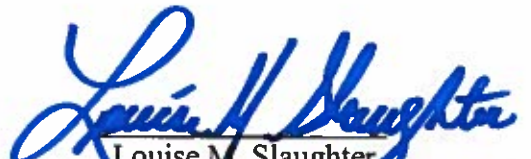
  
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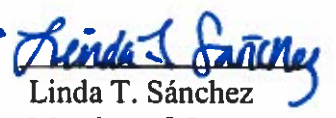
  
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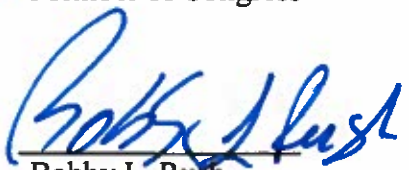
  
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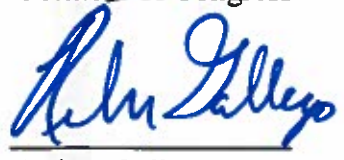
  
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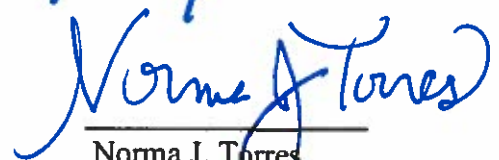
  
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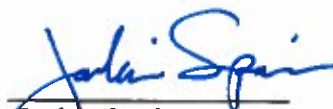
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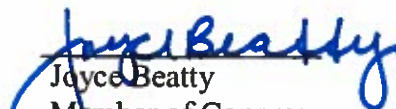
  
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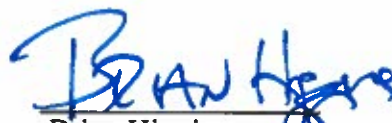
  
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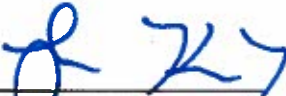
  
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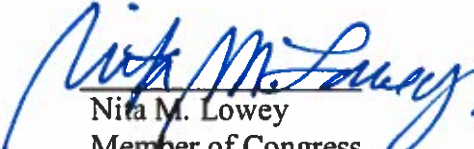
  
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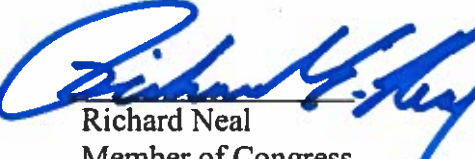
  
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