

**Congress of the United States**  
Washington, DC 20510

April 1, 2011

The Honorable Daniel K. Inouye  
Chairman  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
S-128, United States Capitol  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Thad Cochran  
Ranking Member  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
S-146A, United States of Capitol  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Harold Rogers  
Chairman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, United States Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Norm Dicks  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
1016 Longworth House Office Building  
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Dear Chairmen Inouye and Rogers and Ranking Members Cochran and Dicks:

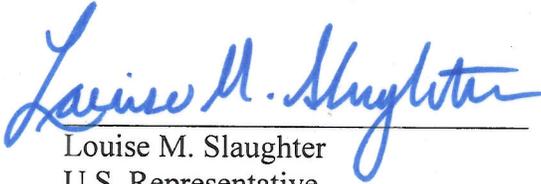
As you continue to negotiate the long-term Continuing Resolution (CR) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2011, we strongly urge you to maintain the \$1 billion for the high-speed and intercity passenger rail programs in the Senate's full-year CR, which is consistent with the President's budget request for FY11, and to maintain FY10 and ARRA funding for already awarded TIGER and high-speed rail projects. Only bold investments in our nation's infrastructure will help us build a foundation for a stronger future, compete in the global economy and improve national security.

High-speed and intercity passenger rail will promote economic growth, create jobs, and foster urban and rural community development. High-speed rail generates good-paying manufacturing and construction jobs in the United States. It also creates opportunities in our communities for economic development, especially near rail stations, which are an attractive location for stores and offices that benefit from increased commuter and tourist traffic.

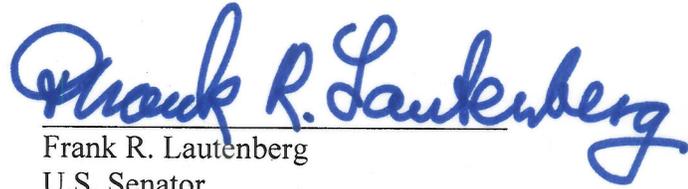
High-speed rail can help curb our dependence on foreign oil, begin a path to energy independence, and increase the safety and security of Americans. We are facing volatile prices for gasoline and the wholesale price of crude oil is rising to record highs, burdening our families and industries with rising costs. Today's intercity passenger rail service consumes one-third less energy per passenger-mile than cars. Further, it is estimated that if we build high-speed rail lines on all federally-designated corridors, it could result in an annual reduction of six billion pounds of carbon dioxide. A national high-speed and intercity passenger rail system would also serve as a modern network to move both civilian and military personnel at a moment's notice.

We acknowledge that this year's budget decisions are difficult, but we urge you to reject rescission of already awarded projects and continue support for high-speed and intercity passenger rail that will create jobs, reduce our dependence on foreign oil, and drive a 21<sup>st</sup> century economy.

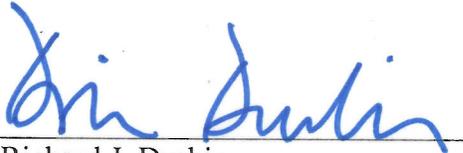
Sincerely,



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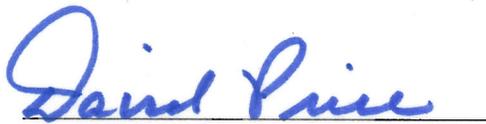
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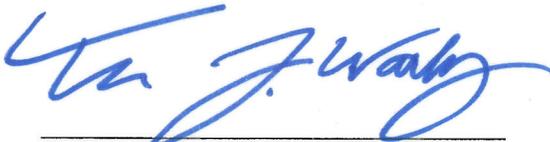
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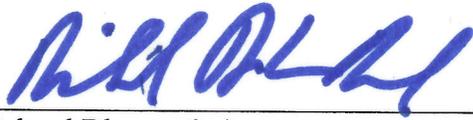
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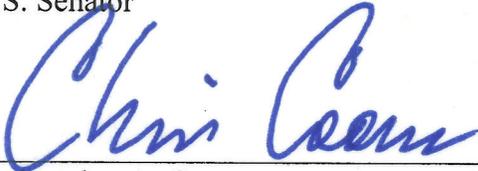
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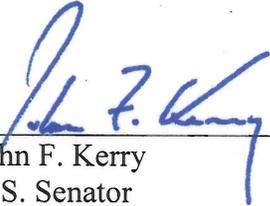
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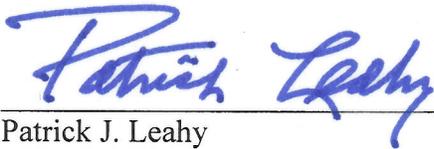
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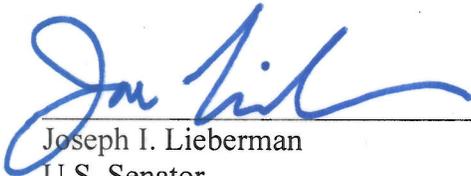
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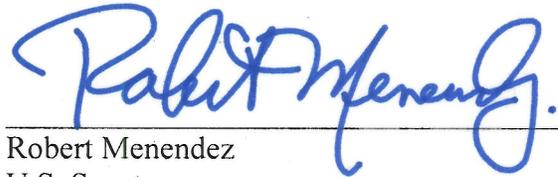
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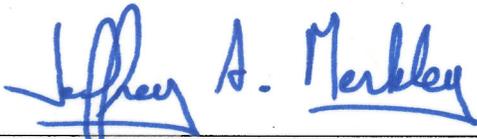
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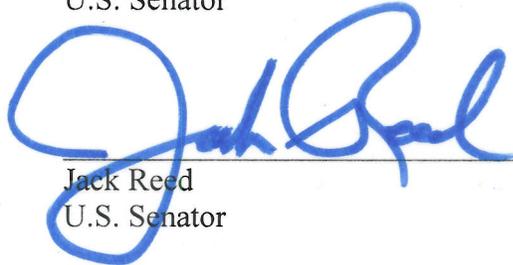
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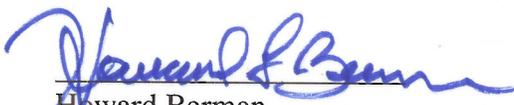


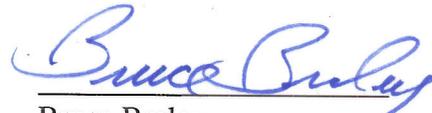
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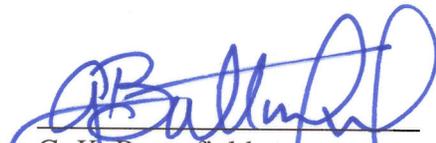
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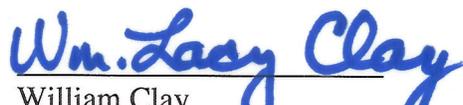
  
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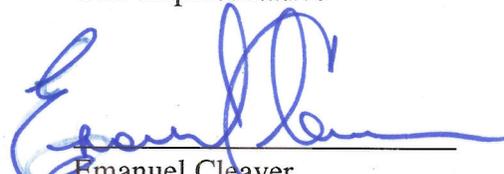
  
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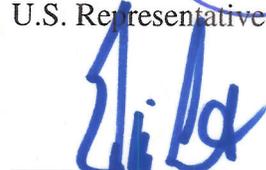
  
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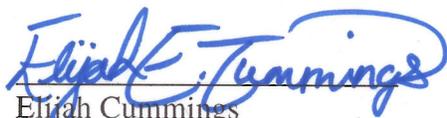
  
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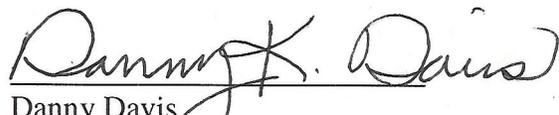
  
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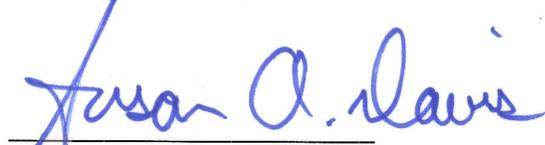
  
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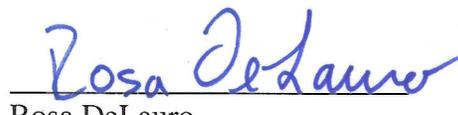
  
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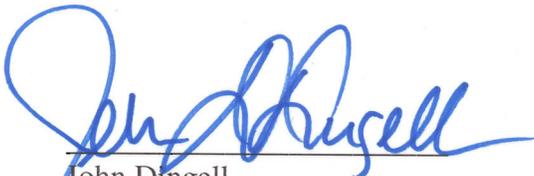
  
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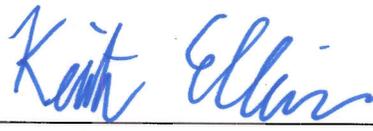
  
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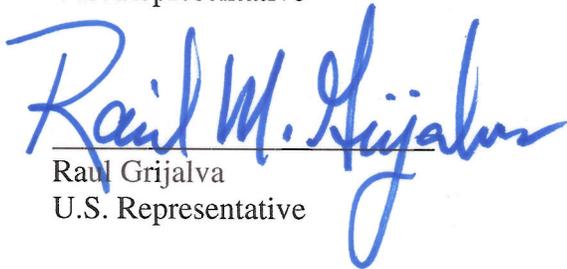
  
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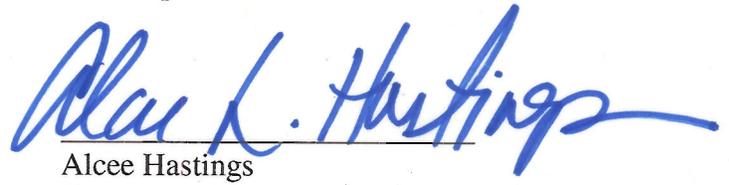
  
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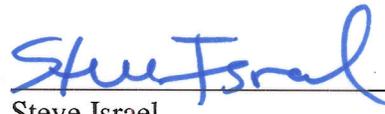
  
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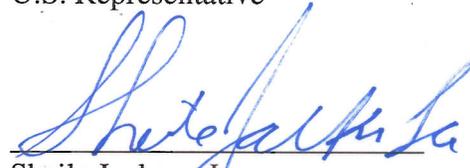
  
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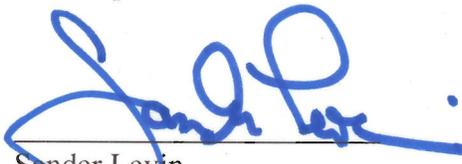
  
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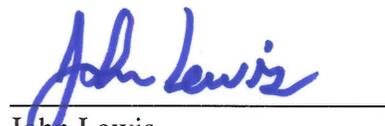
  
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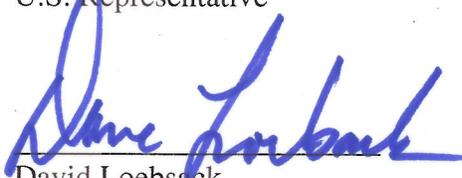
  
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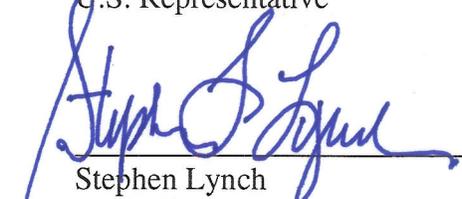
  
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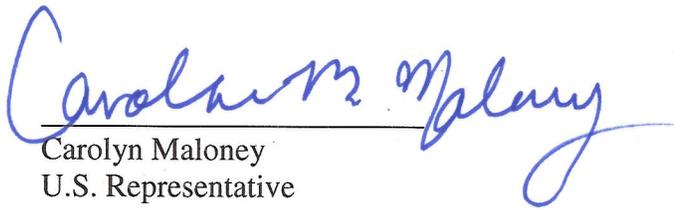
  
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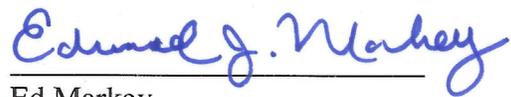
  
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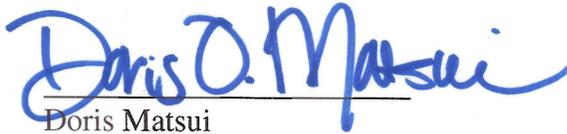
  
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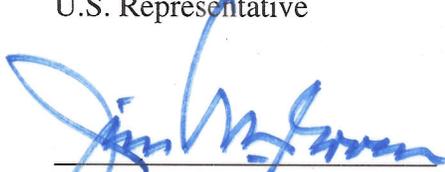
  
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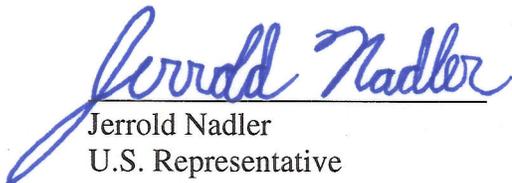
  
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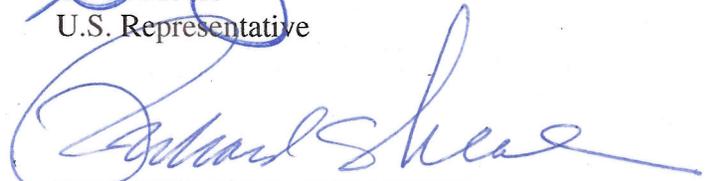
  
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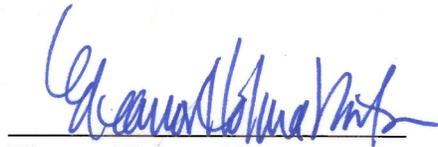
  
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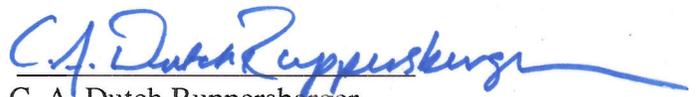
  
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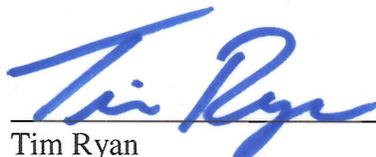
  
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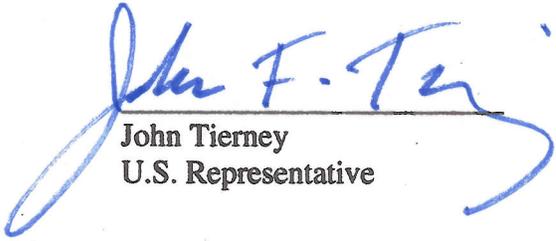
  
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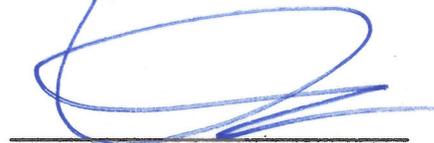
  
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