

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

July 30, 2010

The Honorable Barack H. Obama
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama:

We write in support of your commitment to moving the U.S.-Republic of Korea Trade Promotion Agreement ("KORUS") forward.

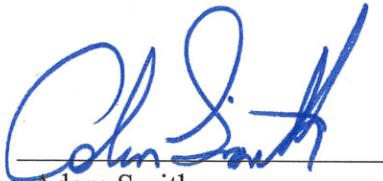
We acknowledge the serious concerns raised in the key sectors of autos and beef, and we applaud your commitment to a timeline to engage with South Korea to resolve these matters by the time of the next G-20 meeting in November, and if successful, to present the agreement to Congress in the following months. We believe this timeframe is achievable if all sides engage constructively.

We also agree with your statement to President Lee Myung-bak at the G20 summit in Toronto that preparing KORUS for consideration by Congress "will strengthen our commercial ties and create enormous potential economic benefits and create jobs here in the United States." Trade, especially when fair, reciprocal, and enforceable with a close trading partner, is integral to our economic recovery strategy. Furthermore, preparing KORUS for Congressional consideration would continue our partnership with a democratic ally that has a strong record on labor rights and environmental protection.

Moreover, KORUS will be an important part of your effort to reengage Asia. We agree with you that "this alliance is the lynchpin of not only security for the Republic of Korea and the United States but also for the Pacific as a whole." We commend your joint efforts with President Lee to address the security challenges on the Korean Peninsula, most recently by holding North Korea accountable for the sinking of the Cheonan. We believe KORUS will bolster those efforts and enhance our strategic alliance.

We support your leadership in strengthening bilateral ties between the U.S. and South Korea, and commit to work with you to prepare KORUS for consideration by Congress once the outstanding issues have been satisfactorily addressed.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



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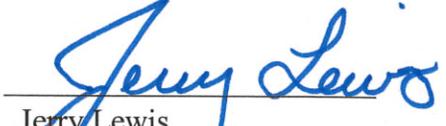
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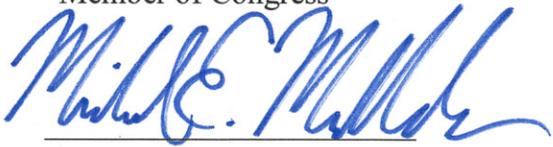
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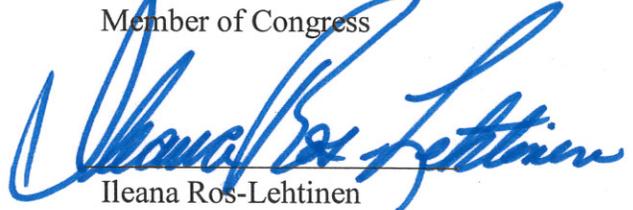

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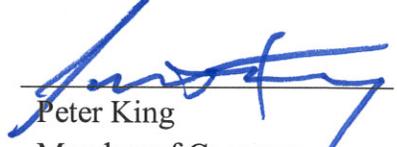

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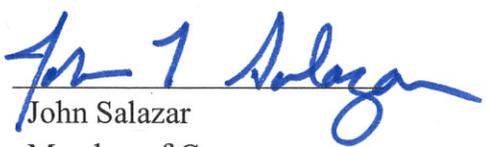

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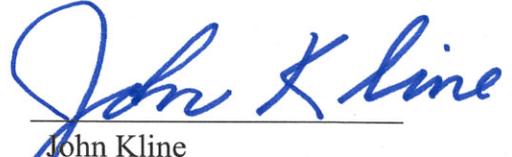

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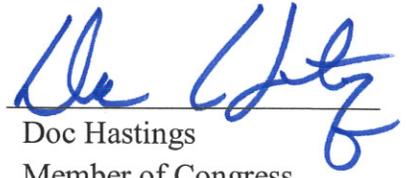

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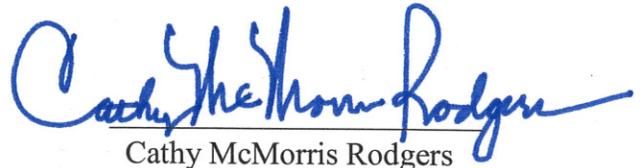

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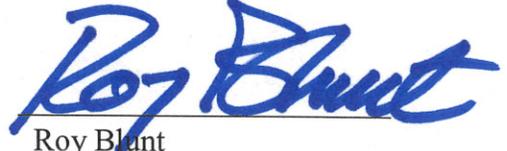
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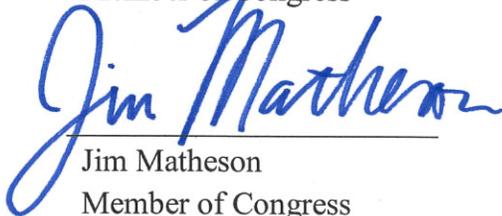
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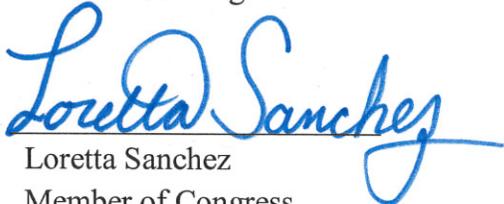
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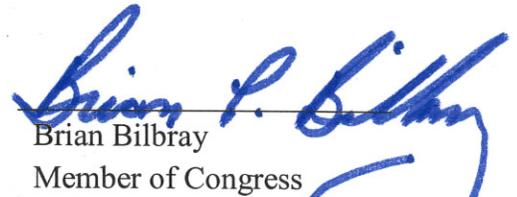
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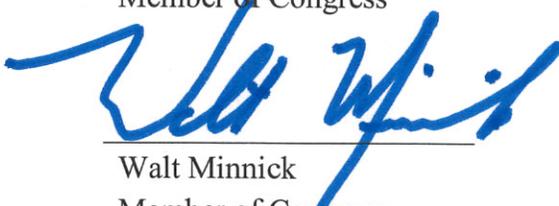
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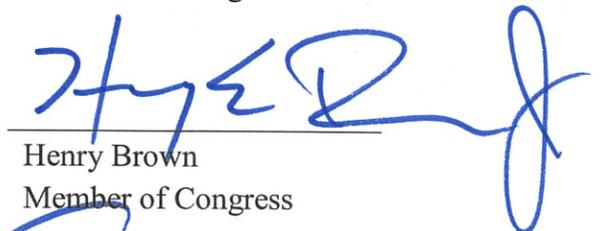
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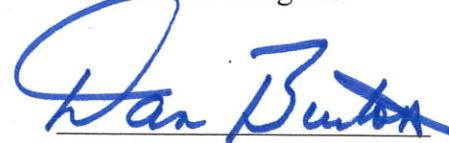
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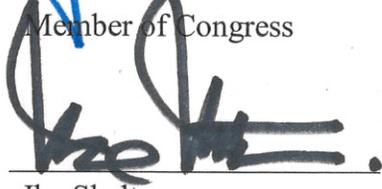
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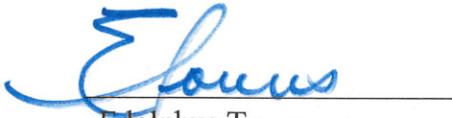
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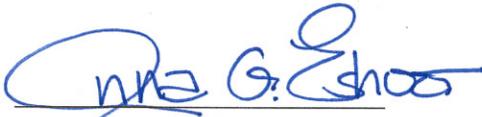
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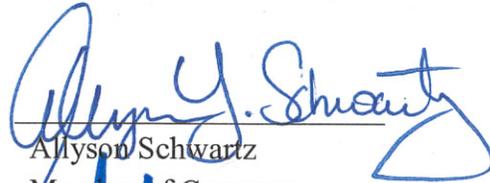
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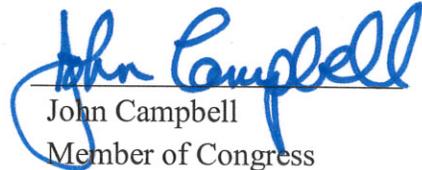
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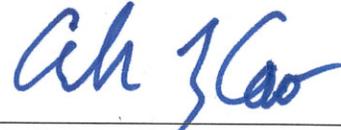
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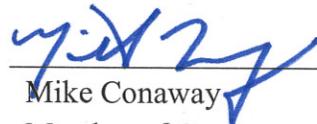
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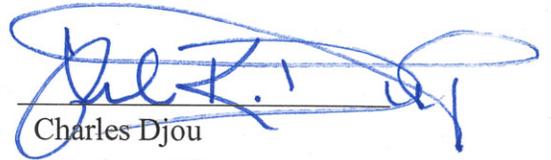
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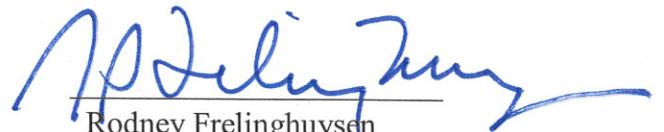
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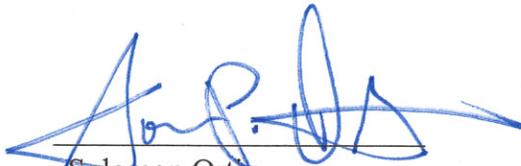
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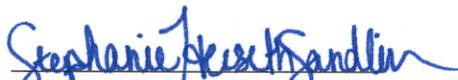
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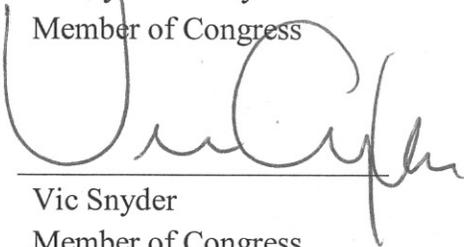
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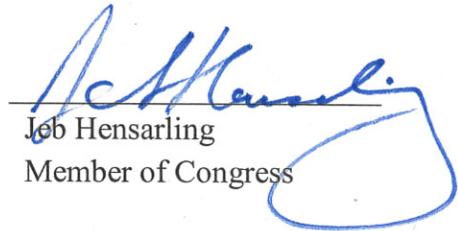
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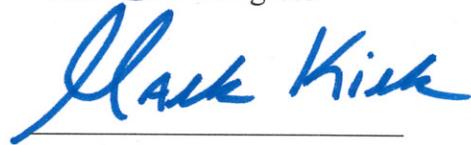
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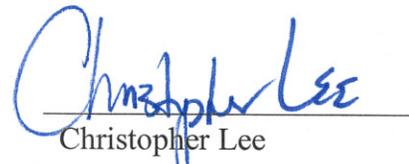
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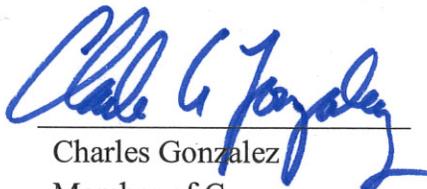
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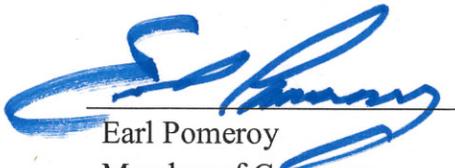


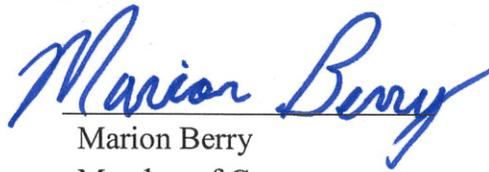
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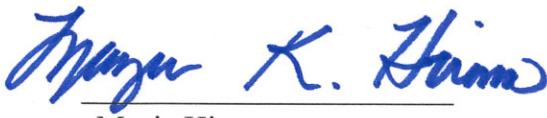


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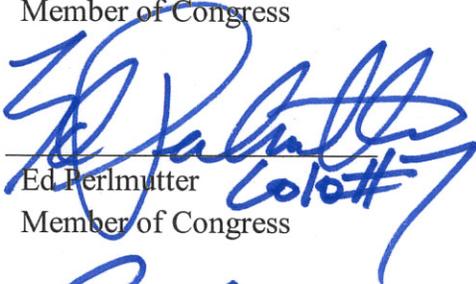

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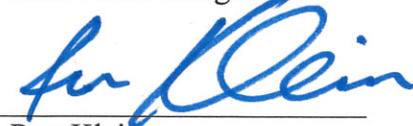

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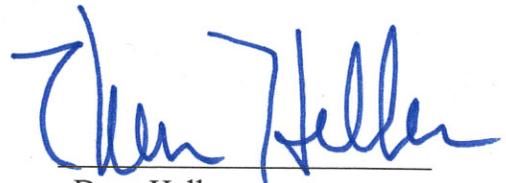


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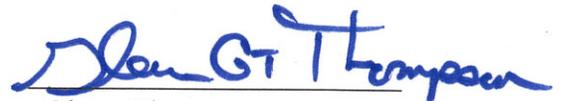

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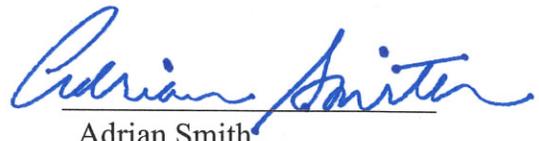

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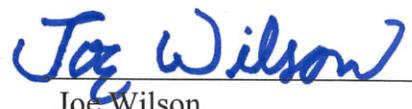

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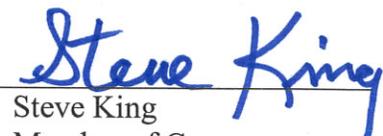

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