

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Ms. Malala Yousafzai,

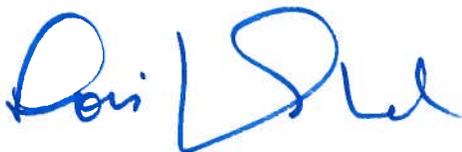
As Members of the United States House of Representatives we wish to send our support for your unrelenting mission to advance girls' education. Your recent international awards and your nomination for the Nobel Peace Prize are a testament to the impact of your bravery. It has been just over a year since the Taliban tried to silence you with an attack on your life, yet your voice has only grown louder. As you told the world at the United Nations in July, "the terrorists thought they would change my aims and stop my ambitions. But nothing changed in my life except this: weakness, fear and hopelessness died. Strength, power and courage was born."

Today, we are pleased to join you in celebrating the United Nations International Day of the Girl, which is focused this year on "Innovating for Girls' Education." We share your vision of equitable education as a basic human right, and recognize that it is also a vital component of thriving communities. Where girls have access to quality education, their communities enjoy greater economic growth, democracy, and social justice. That is why we echo your belief that, "one child, one teacher, one book and one pen can change the world."

While there has been significant progress in improving access to education over the last two decades, tens of millions of girls continue to be deprived of this basic right. Your resolve in the face of the Taliban's oppressive ideology inspires us to remain firmly committed to advancing girls' education globally and to combatting all forms of violent extremism. That is why the United States continues to work with our international partners around the world to advance fundamental human rights and promote equal access to education.

Thank you for championing this cause and for being such a powerful symbol of hope and moderation in a region too long affected by violence and oppression.

Sincerely,



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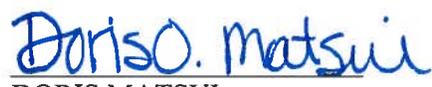
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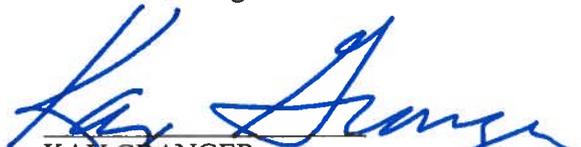

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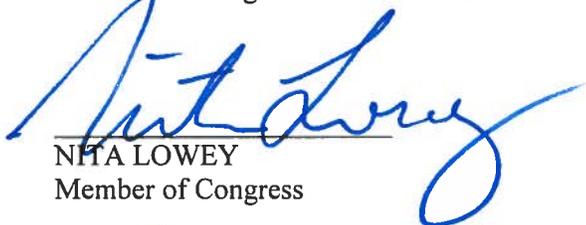

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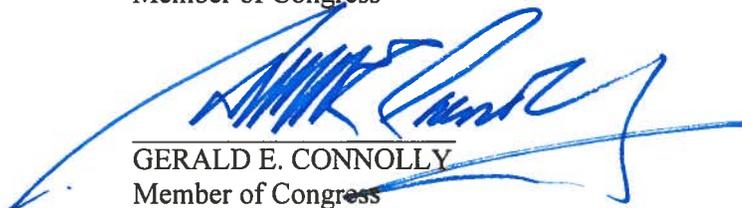

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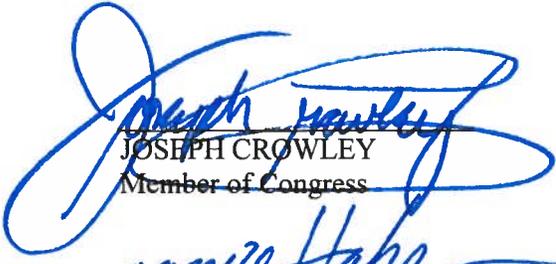

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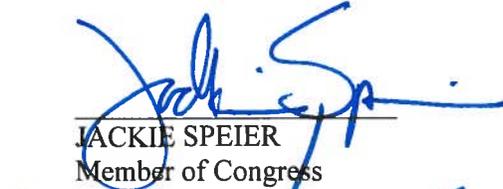
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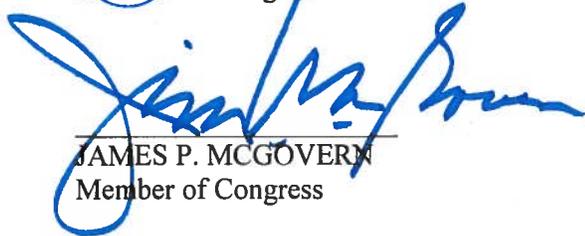
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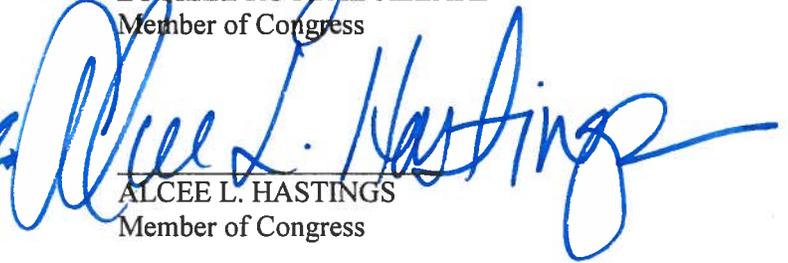
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