

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

October 3, 2013

The Honorable John Boehner  
Speaker  
The U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Minority Leader, The U.S. House of  
Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Boehner and Leader Pelosi:

We write to urge you to enact legislation that would reform our nation's broken immigration system and ensure a reformed system includes robust protections for U.S. and foreign workers. We strongly support key reform elements that include: 1) broad and humane treatment of the 11 million aspiring Americans, including DREAMers, and an earned path to citizenship making it possible for them to fully integrate into the nation's social and economic fabric; and 2) policies that prevent unscrupulous employers from exploiting foreign workers and reducing wages and job opportunities for U.S. workers, while directing enforcement resources in a smart and effective manner.

We must craft a new immigration policy that ensures U.S. competitiveness in a global economy and does not undermine the working conditions of U.S. workers. To achieve these goals, the following principles should be included in any reform legislation:

- Reasonable limits on the future flow of immigrant workers into the U.S.;
- Requirements for employers to engage in robust efforts to recruit U.S. workers before resorting to immigrant/imported workers;
- Prevailing wage and decent working condition requirements;
- Portability among appropriate employers so immigrant workers are not indentured to abusive ones;
- Protections against abusive labor recruiter arrangements, including whistle-blower protections and transparency on recruiter practices;
- Meaningful recourse for workers to fight violations of labor and employment laws, including whistleblower protections and access to compensation for damages incurred as available under federal, state and local laws;
- Protections in e-verify system to guard against misuse, protect worker's privacy and provide remedies for both workers and employers who lose employment opportunities because of government database errors; and
- Making clear that immigration enforcement remains solely the federal government's domain,

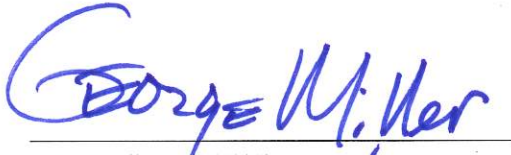
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Many of these components have been supported by both business and labor in the Senate's immigration reform legislation and reflect the future economic needs of business and workers. We respectfully request that any proposal moved to the House floor include these principles or that the process provide the opportunity for these issues to be considered through amendments.

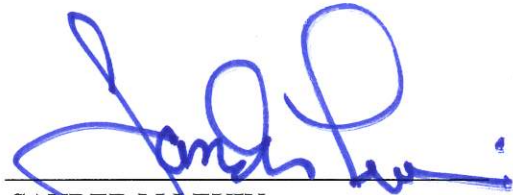
While building a common sense immigration system to allow millions of aspiring Americans to become citizens is a priority, we must also ensure that changes to our legal immigration laws provide access to a just system with fair wages and fundamental rights for all workers – those already in our country as well as those who come to work in the future – so that the rights, wages, and working conditions of U.S. workers are not undermined.

Sincerely,



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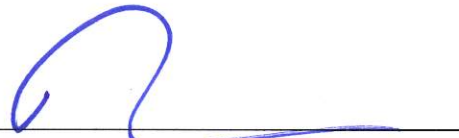
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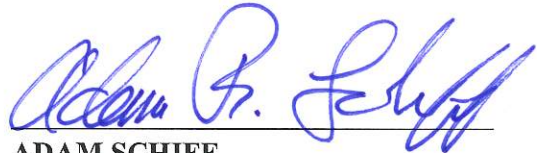
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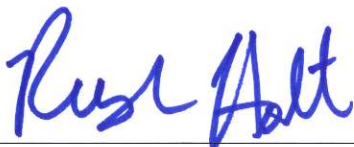
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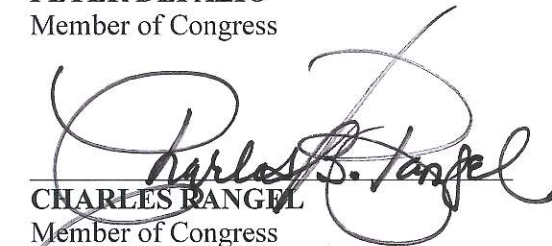
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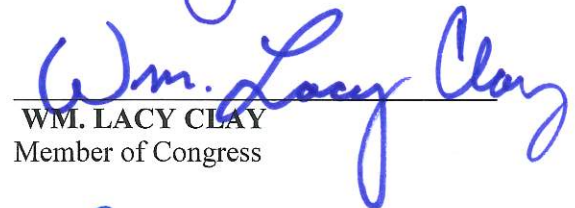
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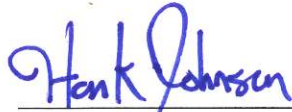
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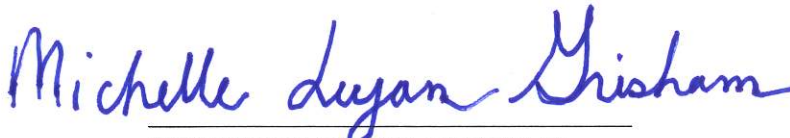
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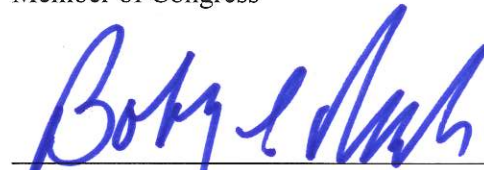
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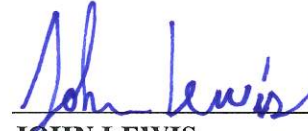
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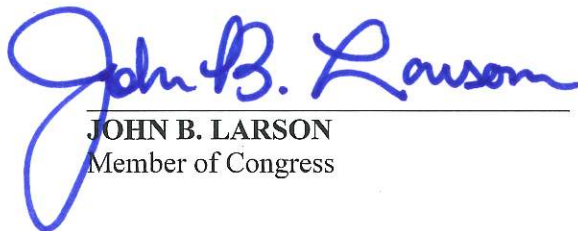
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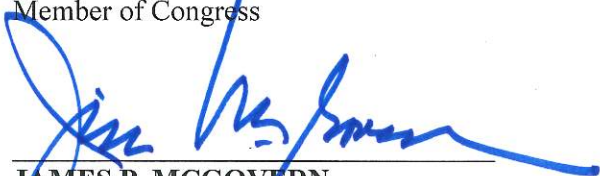
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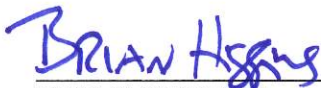
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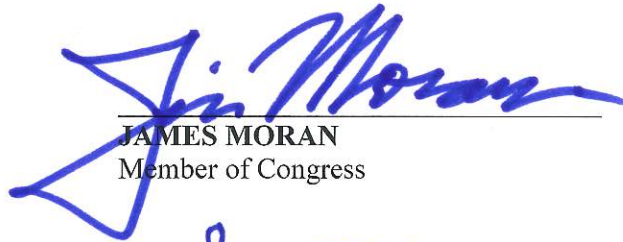
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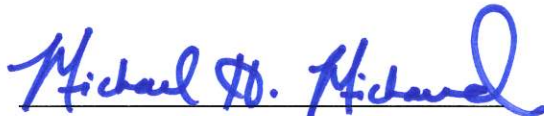
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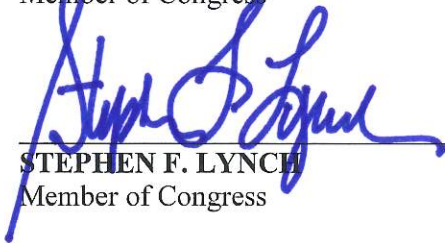
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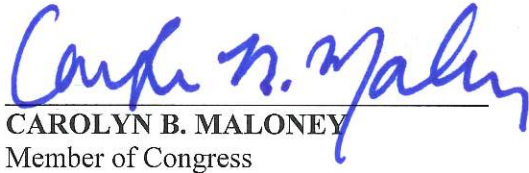
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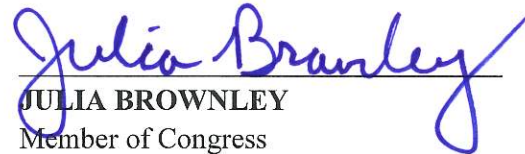
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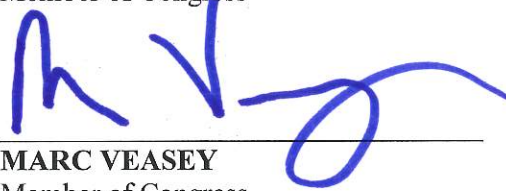
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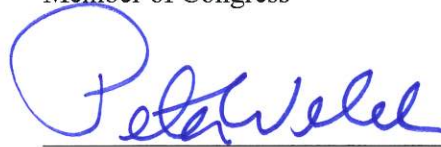
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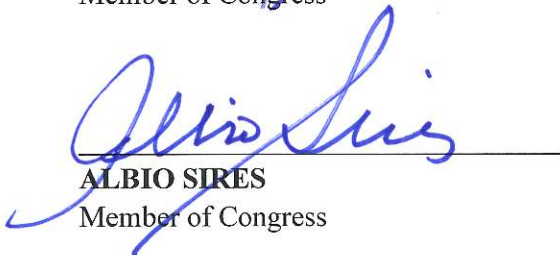
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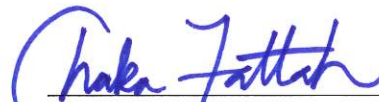
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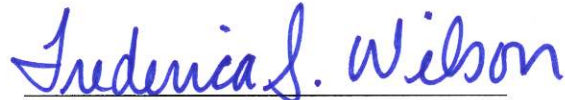
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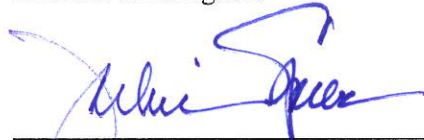
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