

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

June 25, 2014

The Honorable John Kerry  
Secretary of State  
U.S. Department of State  
2201 C Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The United States has played a singularly important role in shining a spotlight on the resurgence of anti-Semitism worldwide. We welcome President Obama's recent call for confronting a rising tide of anti-Semitism around the world.

We are writing to bring your attention to new survey data on this global problem and to suggest some concrete steps the State Department might take in order to elevate the U.S. response and model it for other governments.

We read with concern the staggering findings about anti-Semitic attitudes in over 100 countries released on May 13th, 2014, by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL). The ADL Global 100 is the largest survey of anti-Semitic attitudes to date. This poll found that over a quarter of the people surveyed—26% hold anti-Semitic views. This is a strong indicator of the stubborn resilience of anti-Semitism, even in countries where no Jews reside. It is also alarming that only 54% of those polled had ever heard of the Holocaust, and that two out of three of the people surveyed have either never heard of the Holocaust, or do not believe historical accounts to be accurate.

We are heartened that the U.S. is well-poised to make a difference in this fight and to set a standard for responses by other like-minded governments.

We commit to continue using our positions in Congress to raise the issue of anti-Semitism and to recommit ourselves to utilizing every possible opportunity to raise it with foreign leaders and with our counterparts in parliaments around the world.

We urge you, Mr. Secretary, to similarly rededicate your efforts to further integrate the fight against anti-Semitism into the foreign policy mechanisms and work of the State Department. The U.S. should further reinforce our efforts to promote worldwide Holocaust education and awareness and continue incorporating anti-Semitism awareness into the full array of human rights and democracy programming, funding, and public diplomacy efforts, including international law enforcement training.

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Specifically, as anti-Semitic attitudes in the Middle East and North Africa region far surpass any other region (75%), the US should make clear to emerging leaders in Middle Eastern countries in political transition that anti-Semitism and demonization of Israelis and Jews is unacceptable and inappropriate in the 21st century. The instruments of US public diplomacy and the US emissary to the Organization of the Islamic Conference should seek ways to address the issue of anti-Semitism where it is needed most.

Furthermore, as the OSCE will mark the tenth anniversary this year of the 2004 Berlin Conference on Anti-Semitism and the seminal Berlin Declaration that committed European and Eurasian governments to combat anti-Semitism, we believe that high profile US attendance at the upcoming OSCE meeting this Fall in Berlin would be an important message to the world that the US will not tolerate anti-Semitism.

America's commitment to the fight against anti-Semitism is an inspiration for Jews around the world and for Americans who take pride in the values of pluralism and respect for difference. We welcome the opportunity to work in partnership with you to sustain and strengthen our country's efforts to build a future where anti-Semitism and all forms of hatred exist only in memory.

Sincerely,



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Chairman  
House Foreign Affairs Committee



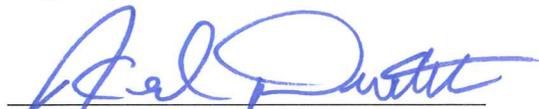
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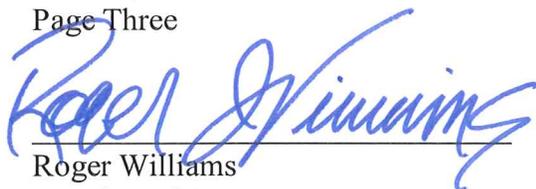


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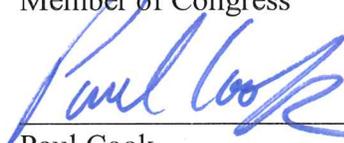
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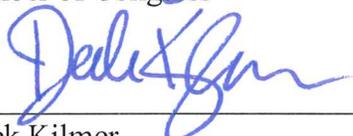
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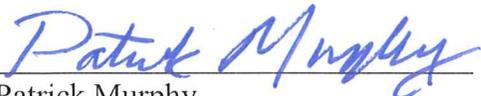
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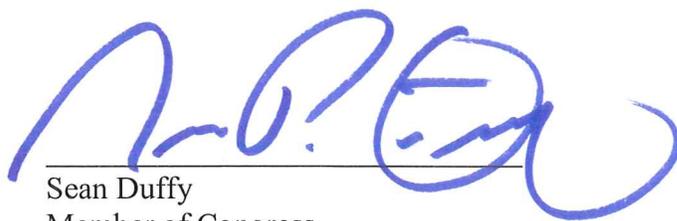
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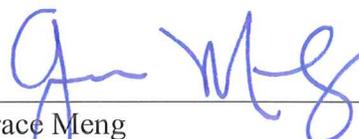
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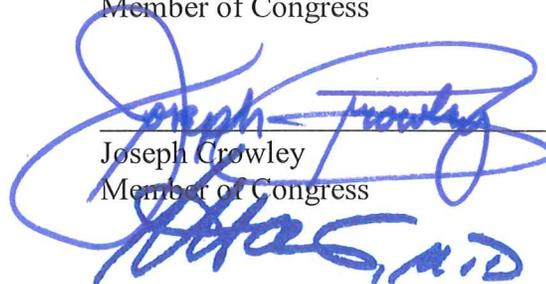
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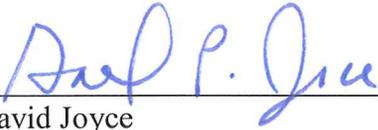


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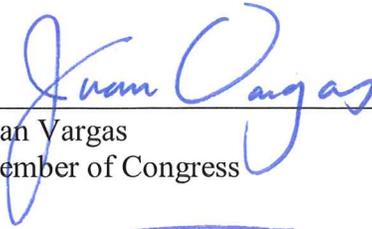


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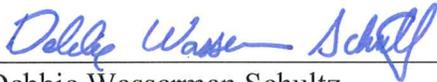
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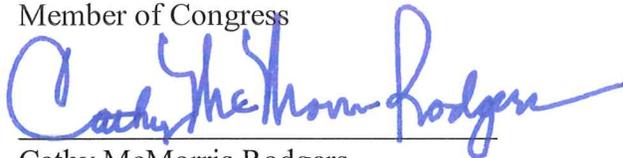
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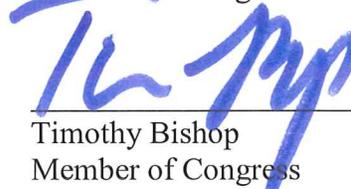
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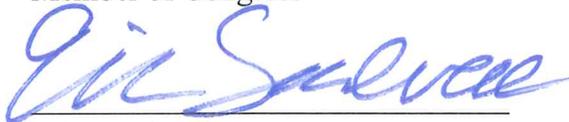
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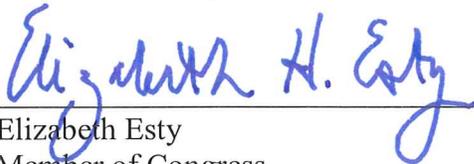
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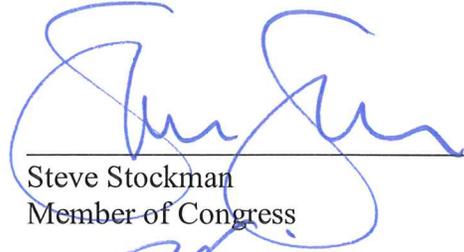
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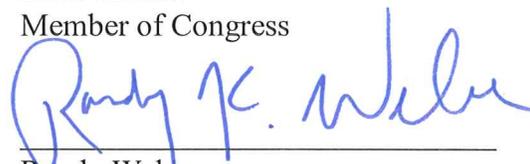
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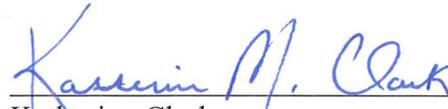
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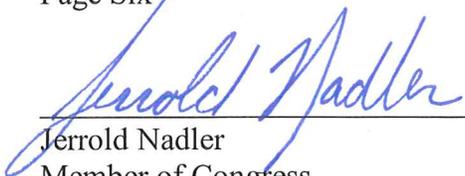


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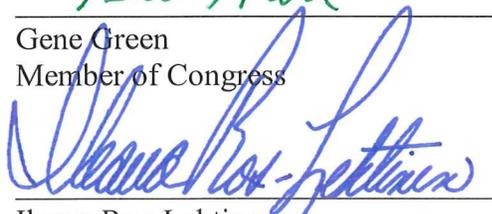
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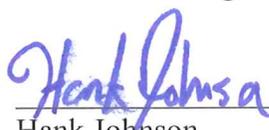
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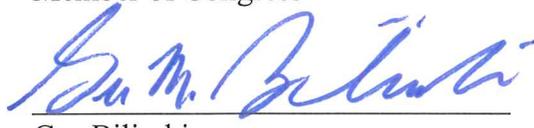
  
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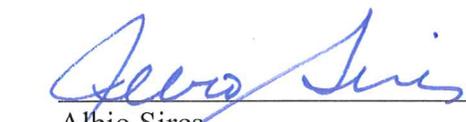
  
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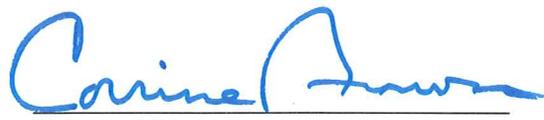
  
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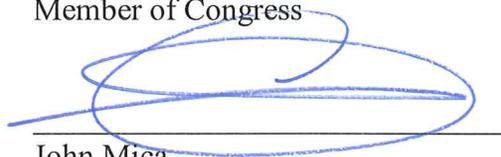
  
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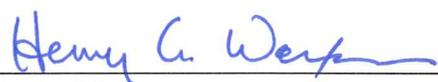
  
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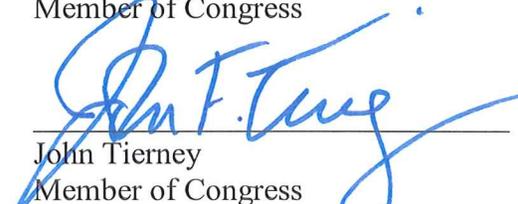
  
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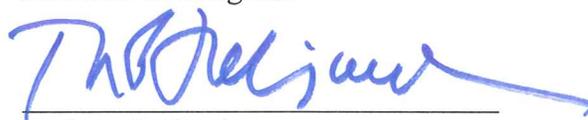
  
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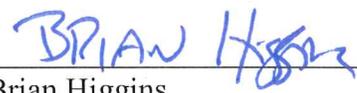
  
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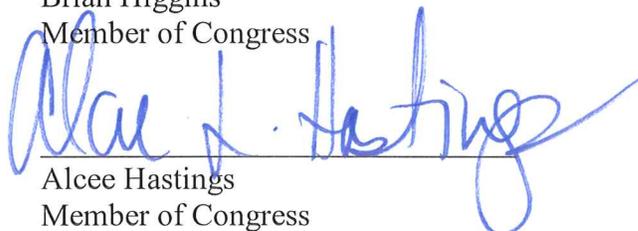
  
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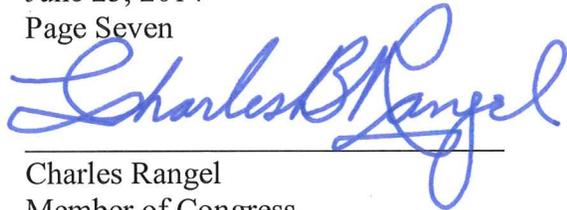
  
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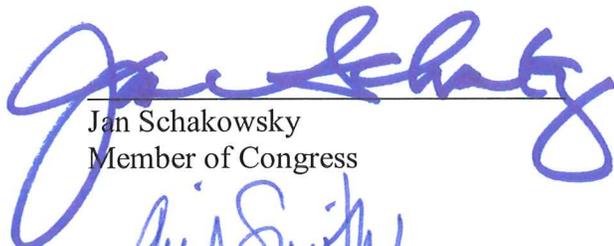
  
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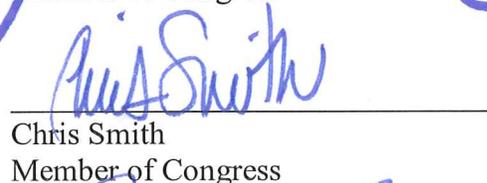
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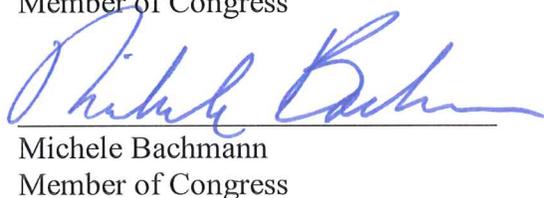
  
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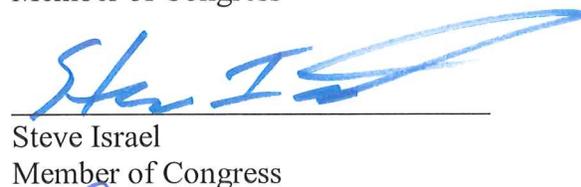
  
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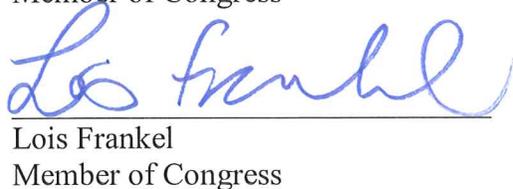
  
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