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Washington, DC 20515

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Chairman Harold Rogers
Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs
U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations
HT-2, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Rogers,

We deeply appreciate your commitment to including key pro-life policies in Appropriations bills, and write today regarding important policies for the FY18 State, Foreign Operations Appropriations bill. As you draft your bill this spring, we urge you to include important language codifying the Mexico City Policy and eliminating funding for UNFPA.

On January 23, 2017 President Trump issued a Presidential Memorandum reinstating the Mexico City Policy. Importantly the President's order expanded this policy to cover all global health assistance funds, thereby protecting our international aid dollars from used by foreign nongovernmental organizations that promote and perform abortions.

The order also directed that the Secretary of State take action to ensure that U.S. taxpayer dollars do not fund organizations or programs that support or participate in the management of a program of coercive abortion or involuntary sterilization.

UNFPA is infamous for its complicity in China's brutal birth limitation policy. As you know the past administration ignored the Kemp-Kasten provision (which precludes funding for organizations engaged in coercive abortion) and instead directed funds to the UNFPA despite the organization's connection in China's coercive birth limitation policy.

It is critical that we codify these life-affirming policies so that they are no longer subject to change with each administration. Therefore we request that you include the following language in the FY18 State, Foreign Operations bill.

UNFPA AND MEXICO CITY POLICY LANGUAGE:

XXXX(a) None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be made available for the United Nations Population Fund

(b) None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act for global health assistance may be made available to any foreign nongovernmental organization that promotes or performs abortion, except in cases of rape or incest or when the life of the mother would be endangered if the fetus were carried to term.

Thank you for your continued work on these important issues.

Sincerely,



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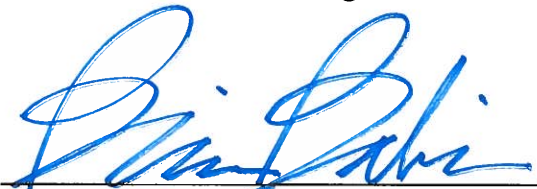
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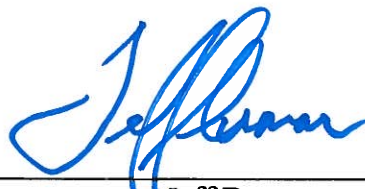
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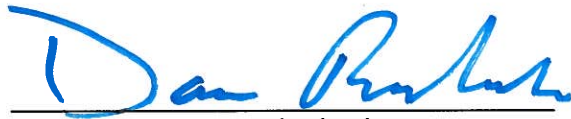
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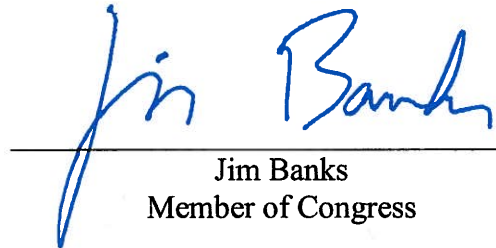
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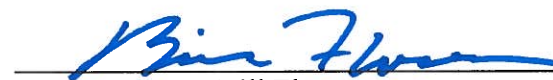
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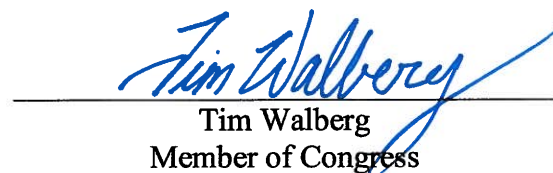
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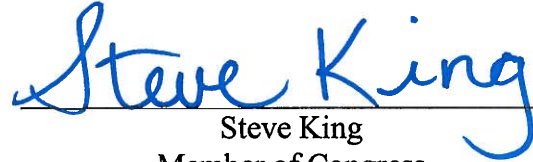
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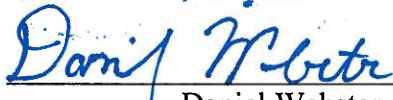
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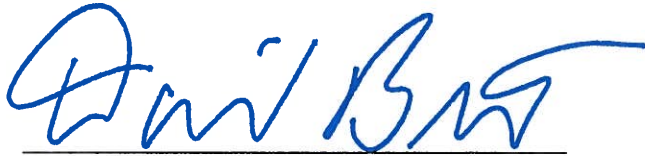
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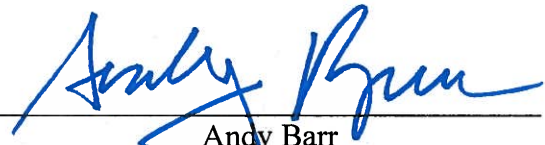
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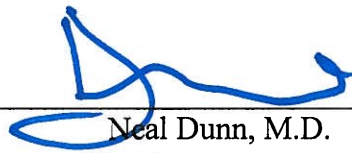
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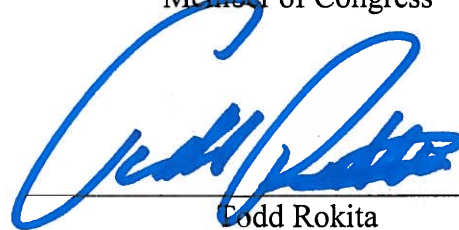
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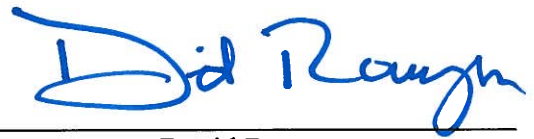
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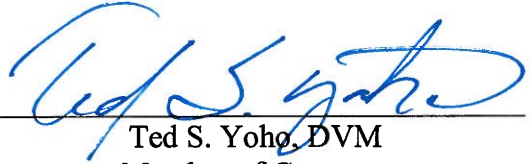
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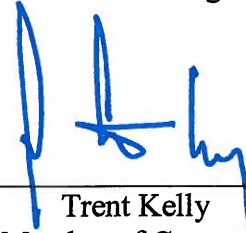
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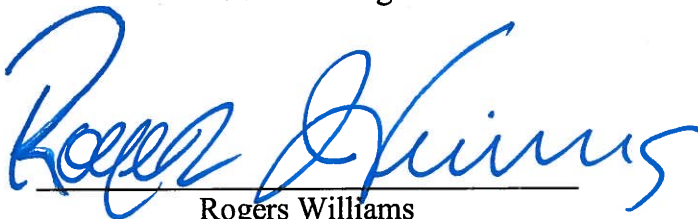
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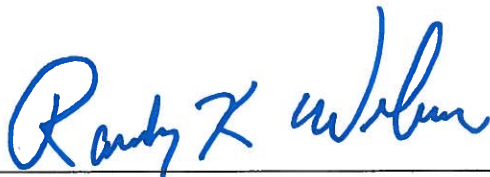
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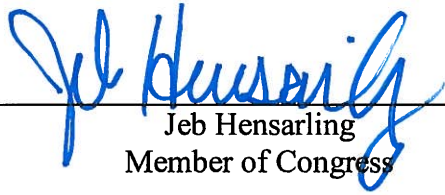
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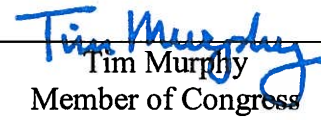
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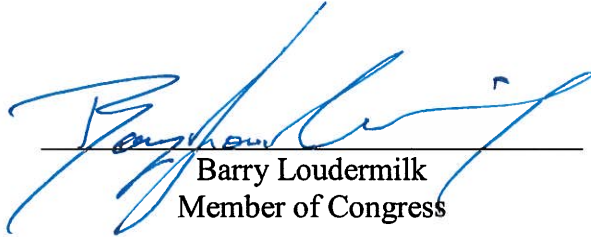
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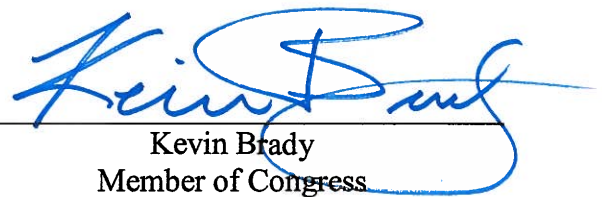
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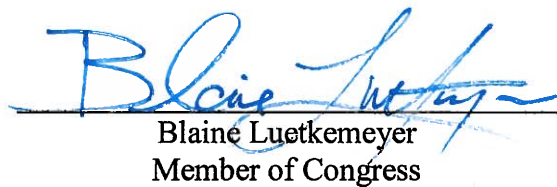
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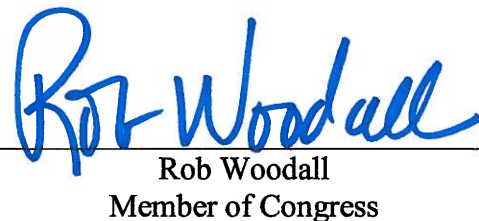
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