Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

June 25, 2012

Speaker of the House John Boehner
H-232
The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi
H-204
The Capitol
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Dear Speaker Boehner and Leader Pelosi,

The past two decades have seen a significant rise in our nation's debt and deficit, with future increases scheduled for years to come. This debt and deficit spending has occurred under both Republican and Democratic Administrations, and Republican and Democrat control of Congress. All Americans recognize that something must be done to address our nation's unsustainable fiscal situation.

That is why we strongly urge you to resist efforts by some Members of the House to restore earmarks in the 113th Congress. The American people spoke loud and clear in 2006, 2008, and 2010 that they wanted reforms and changes to the way Congress operates. They asked for changes, and the House listened.

One of those changes was to amend the House Rules to prohibit the practice of earmarking. These special interest set asides should not be allowed to return to the House in any shape, form or fashion.

As the House debates our annual spending bills to fund the federal government, we thank you for your commitment to enforcing the current House Rules regarding earmarks, and urge you to reject calls to allow for the return of earmarks in the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

Rep. Sandy Adams (FL-24)

Rep. Jim Jordan (OH-4)

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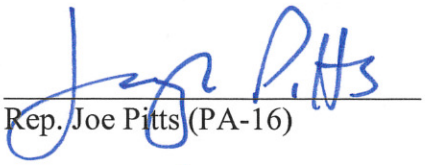

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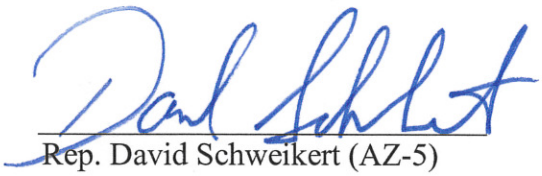

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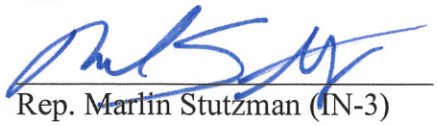

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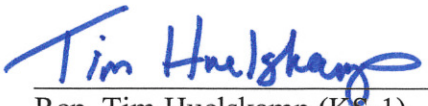

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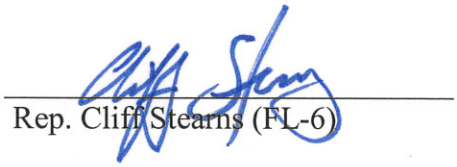

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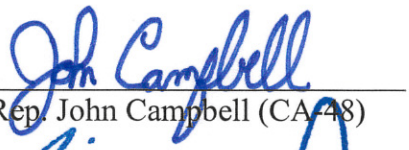

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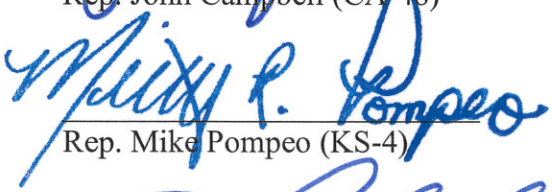

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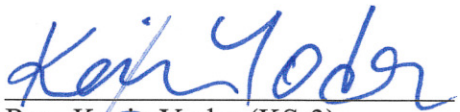

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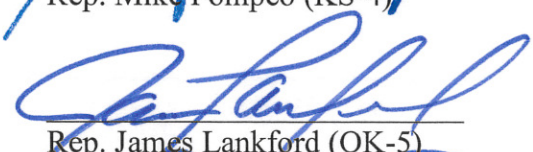

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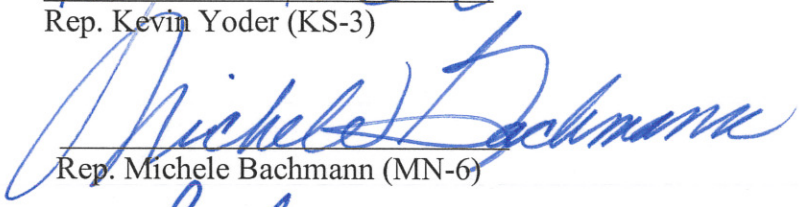

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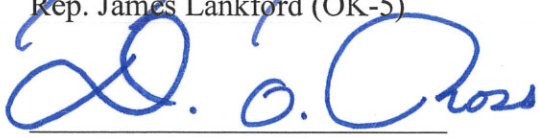

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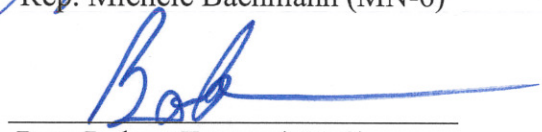

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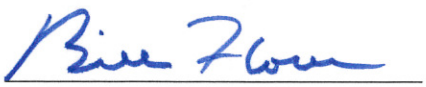

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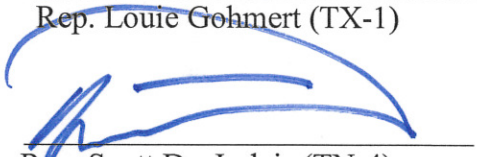

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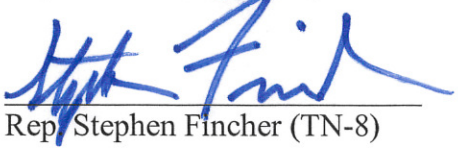

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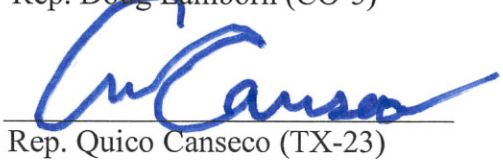

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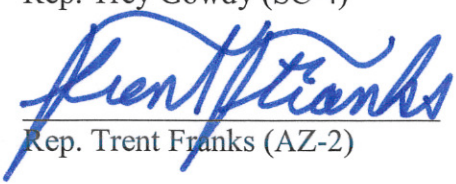

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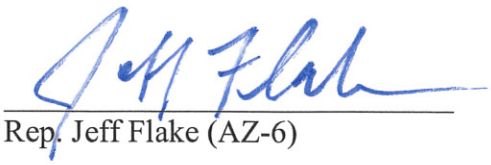

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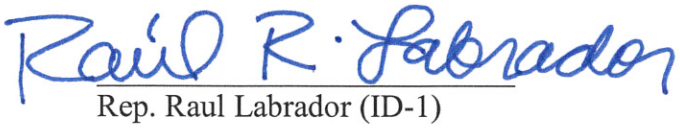

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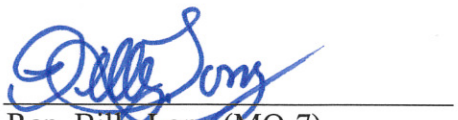

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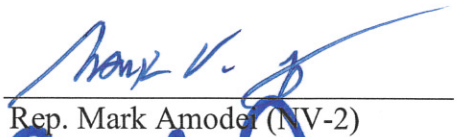

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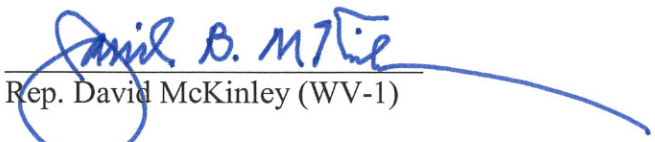

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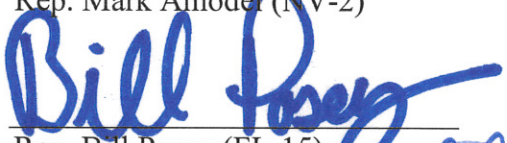

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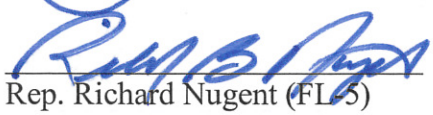

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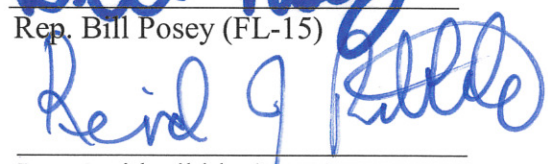

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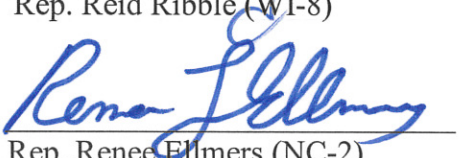

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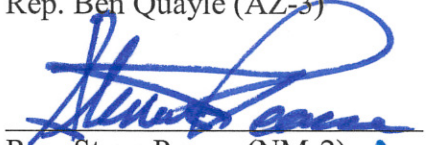

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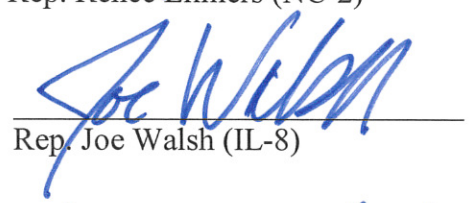

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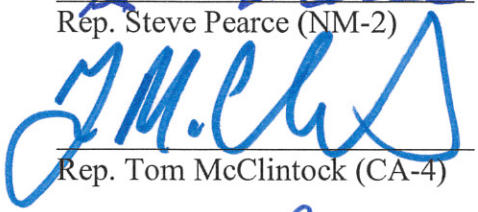

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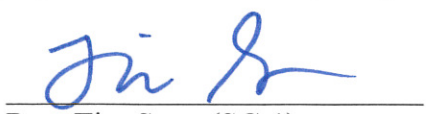

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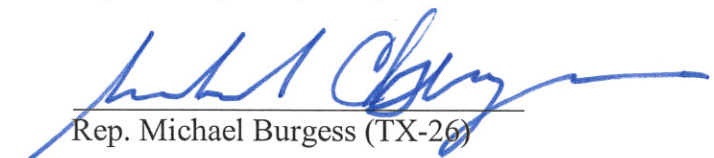

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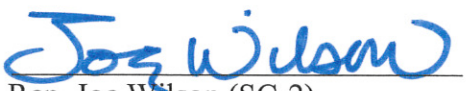

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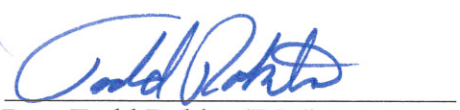

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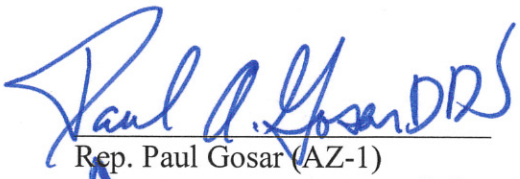

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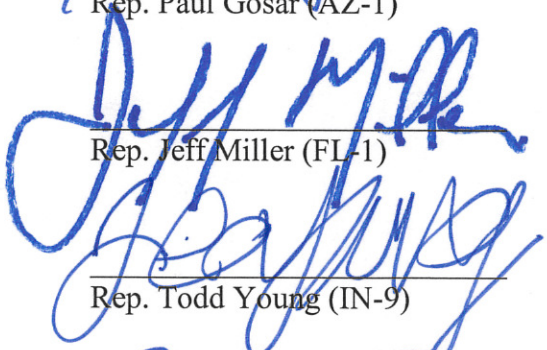

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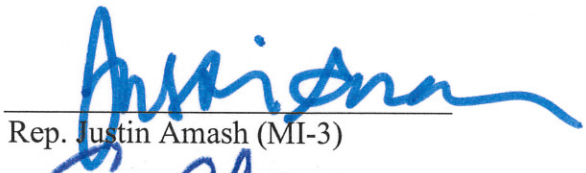

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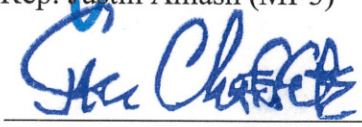

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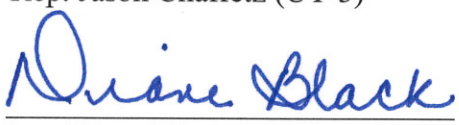

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