



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

December 8, 2014

H. E. Ban Ki-Moon
Secretary-General of the United Nations

Dear Secretary-General Ban:

We write to express our deep concern about the alarming rise in anti-Semitic incidents across the globe and to commend you for your recent remarks speaking out against this troubling surge. Anti-Semitism poses a severe threat to international peace and security. We urge you to call on United Nations officials and Member States to take immediate measures to stem this violent tide of intolerance and take decisive action against anti-Semitism.

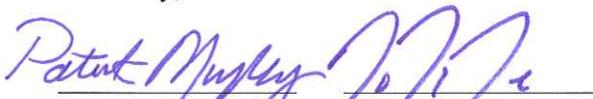
As you are aware, anti-Semitic violence and incitement has increased dramatically over the past year. Crimes range from the desecration of synagogues and other Jewish institutions and businesses, to murder and acts of violence and terrorism against Jews. Anti-Semitic rhetoric is circulated widely on television, radio, and the Internet, all while some countries are experiencing a disturbing rise of local and national political parties openly espousing racist and anti-Semitic views.

By allowing anti-Semitism to flourish, nations risk fostering an environment in which violence and escalating tensions can grow and impact not only Jews but all ethnic, religious, and other minority groups.

We urge the United Nations to take action against these intolerant forces and bigoted incidents of anti-Semitism. By working with Member States, the United Nations can stem the surge of anti-Semitism through a variety of methods including raising awareness of the global prevalence of anti-Semitic attitudes and urging adoption, implementation, and enforcement of strong hate crime laws. The United Nations can also expand education on diversity and tolerance and encourage heads of state to forcefully speak out about the dangers of anti-Semitism.

We ask not only that Member States be pressed to denounce violent outbreaks of hate and bigotry, but that you also speak out against biases present within the United Nations. Only by working together can we successfully stem the rise of anti-Semitism and all forms of hate wherever they occur.

Sincerely,

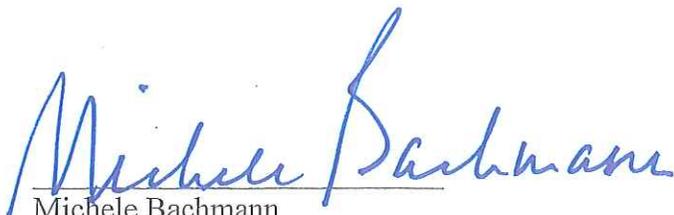

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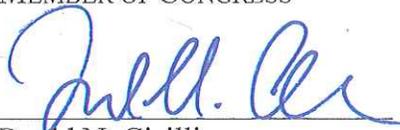
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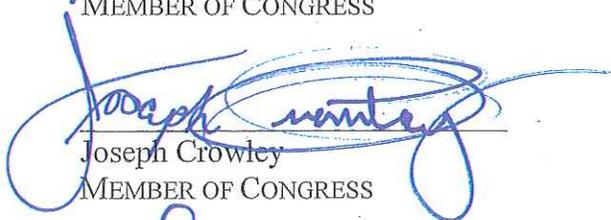
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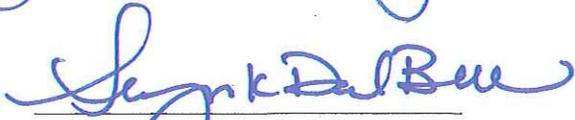
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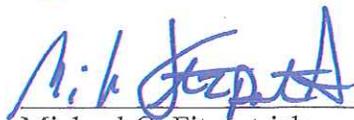
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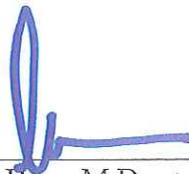
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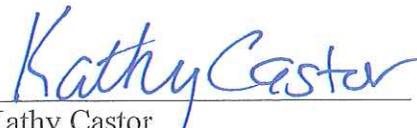
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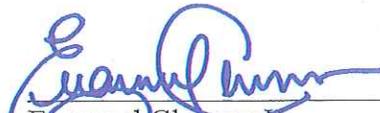
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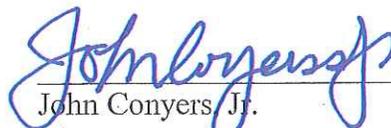
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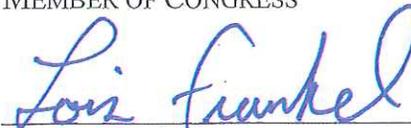
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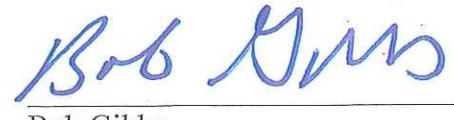


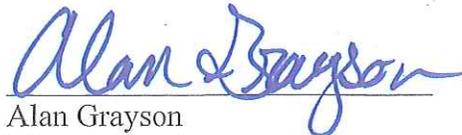
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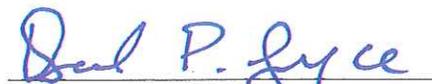

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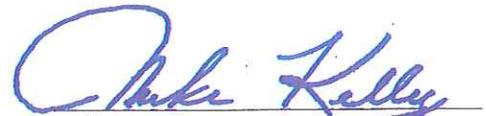

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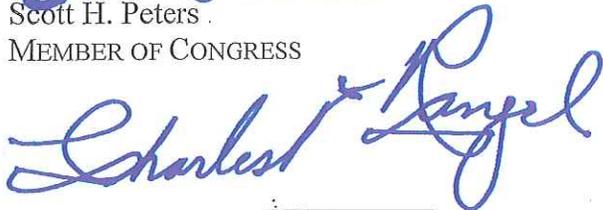
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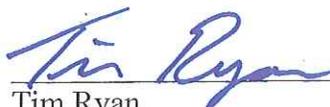
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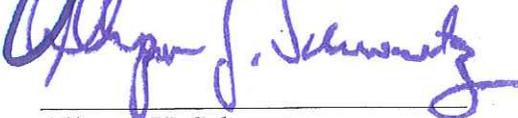
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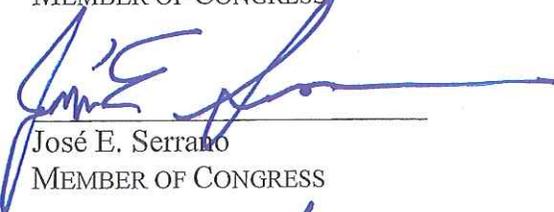
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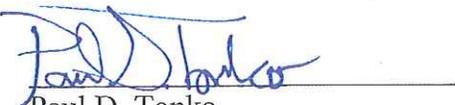
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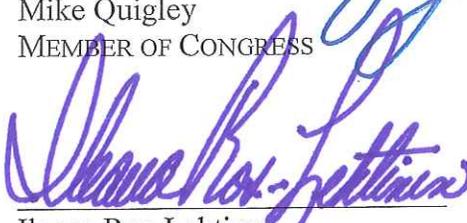
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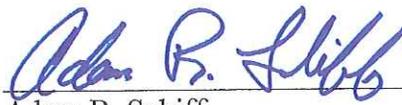
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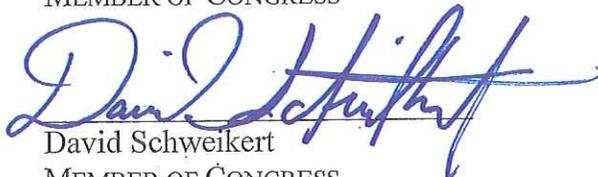
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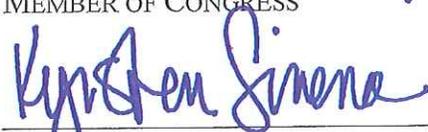
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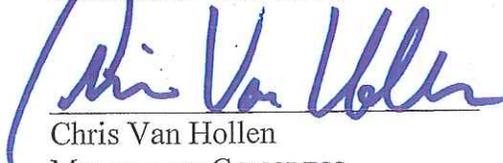
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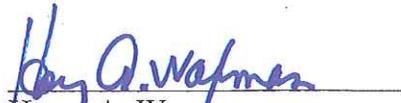


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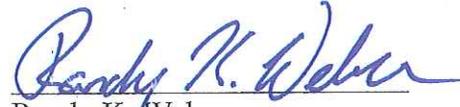

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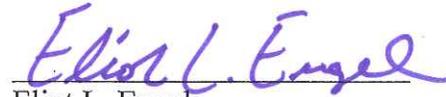

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