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The Honorable Ken Calvert
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2205 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Betty McCollum
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,
and Related Agencies
2256 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Calvert & Ranking Member McCollum,

As your Subcommittee considers the Fiscal Year 2019 (FY19) Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, we respectfully request you to include \$1.35 billion in funding for the Hazardous Substance Superfund Account. This account has not received a budget increase since FY10, when it was enacted at \$1.31 billion. The proposed FY19 budget decreases funding to \$1.09 billion. Meanwhile, the number of Superfund sites has grown from 1,282 to 1,341 in the past eight years.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) designates Superfund sites as any land in the United States that has been contaminated by hazardous waste, and is a risk to human health and the environment. These sites are placed on the National Priorities List (NPL). The NPL has over 1,100 sites in the U.S. with known releases or threatened releases of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants. The long-term health challenges, business disruption and displacement costs are harmful to residents and U.S. small businesses affected by hazardous contamination. Revitalizing contaminated land improves the quality of life for communities around the U.S. and is part of EPA's core mission.

We look forward to working with you both to ensure adequate funding for the Hazardous Substance Superfund Account and successfully revitalize contaminated areas of our country.

Sincerely,





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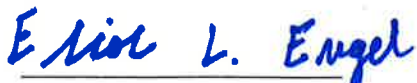

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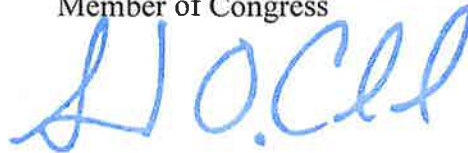

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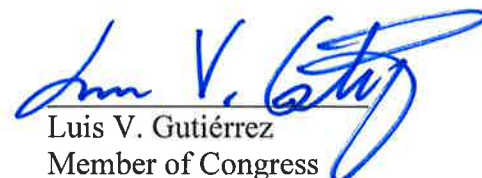

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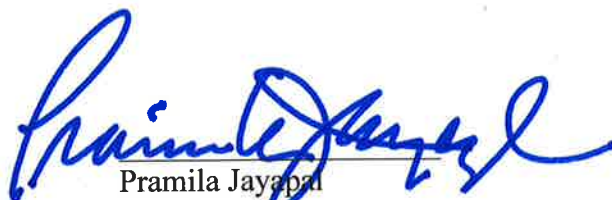

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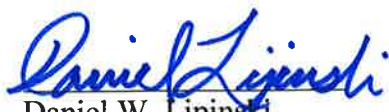
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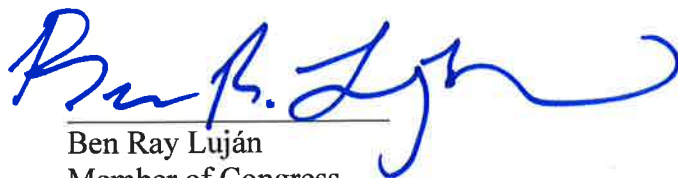
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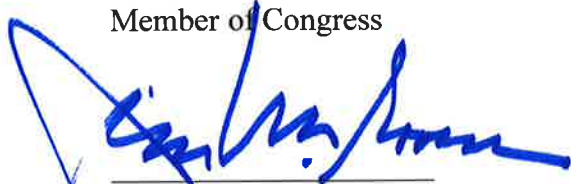
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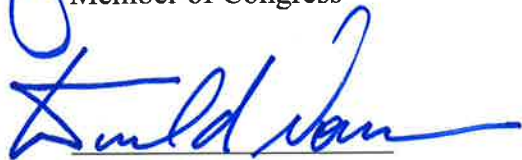
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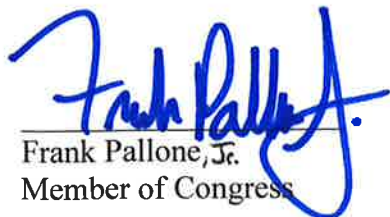
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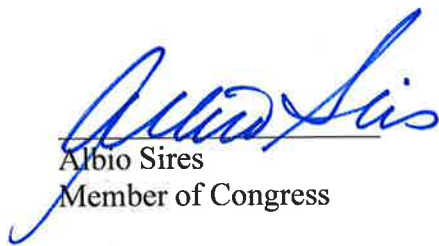
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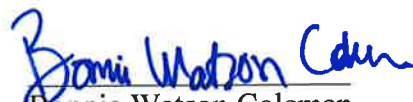
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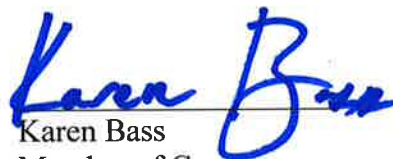
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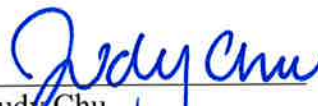
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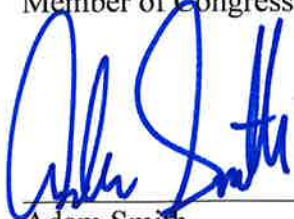
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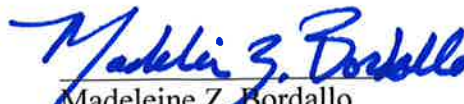
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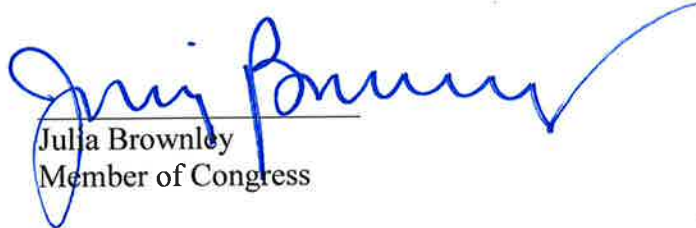
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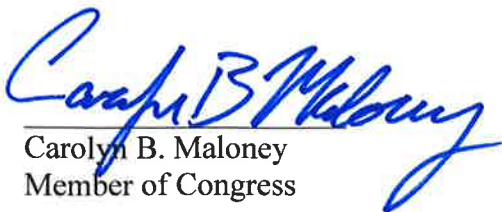
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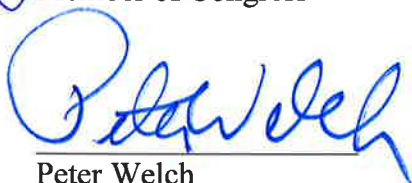
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