

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Edward R. Royce
Chairman
House Committee on Foreign Affairs
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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Eliot L. Engel
Ranking Member
House Committee on Foreign Affairs
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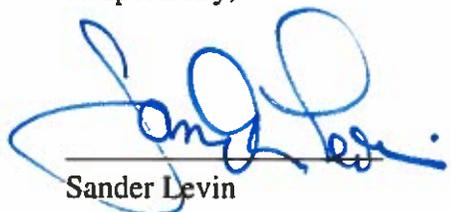
Dear Chairman Royce and Ranking Member Engel,

We urge the Foreign Affairs Committee to hold a full committee hearing into circumstances surrounding the crash of flight MH17. The Dutch Safety Board issued findings recently on the crash of Malaysian Airlines flight MH17 in eastern Ukraine, which killed all 298 crew members and passengers on board. According to the report, the crash was caused by "the detonation of a 9N314M-type warhead launched from the eastern part of Ukraine using a Buk missile system." The report makes it clear that the Buk is a Soviet, and later Russian-made, medium range, mobile weapon system. We urge the Committee to examine the circumstances surrounding the crash of flight MH17, with particular attention to communication of Russia-backed rebel groups.

We are deeply troubled by the findings of the Dutch Safety Board report and urge you to hold a hearing to explore their ramifications fully.

We look forward to working with you on the hearing.

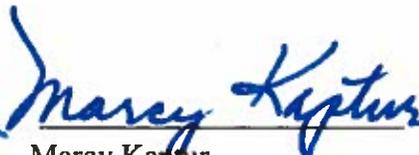
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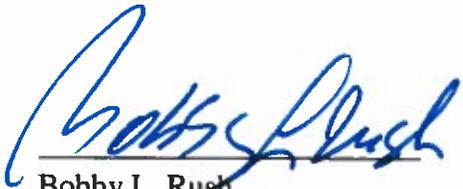
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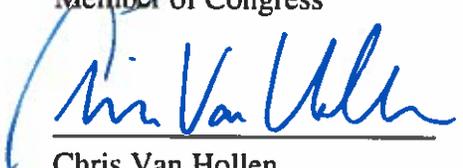
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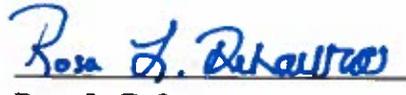
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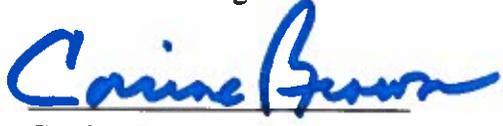
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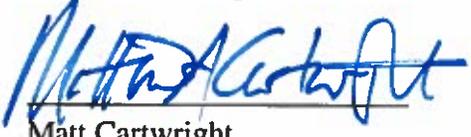
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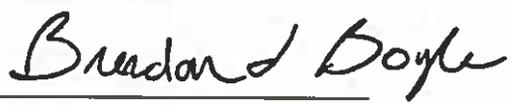
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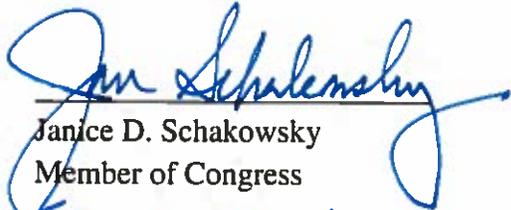
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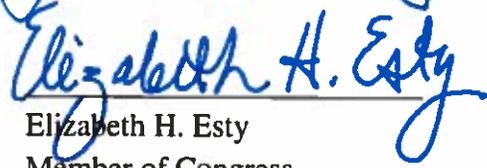
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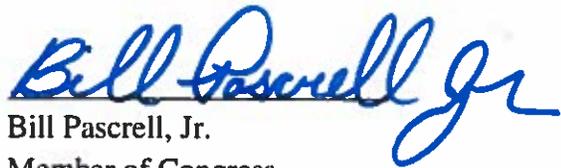
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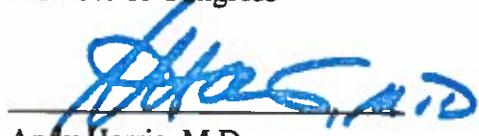
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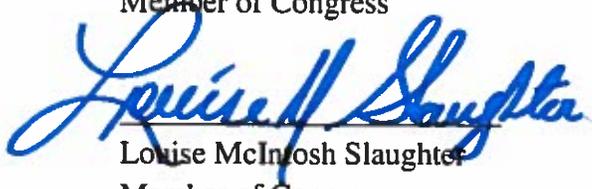
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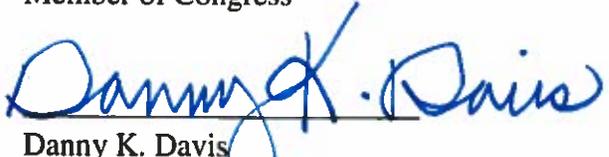
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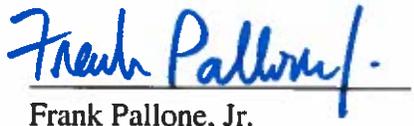
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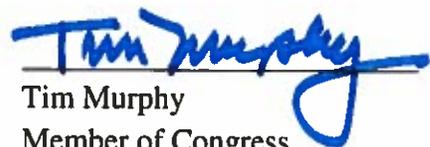
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