

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

March 24, 2016

President Barack Obama
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing in advance of planned visits to Washington, DC by the Presidents of Azerbaijan and Armenia for the 4th Nuclear Security Summit, to underscore the importance the United States attaches to ending threats and acts of aggression, deterring a renewed outbreak of war, and creating the conditions for a fair and enduring peace in and around Nagorno-Karabakh.

As supporters of a non-violent, negotiated peace, we appreciated the Department of State's letter of November 12, 2015 voicing the Administration's support for our bipartisan appeal, dated October 26, 2015, which was endorsed by 85 Members of the U.S. House of Representatives, recommending specific steps to reduce violence, save lives, and keep the peace process moving forward. As you know, this State Department letter reaffirmed the Administration's support for "proposals to withdraw snipers, expand OSCE's role via an OSCE investigative mechanism, and deploy sensors along the Line of Contact and the Armenia-Azerbaijan international border." We welcome Armenia and Nagorno-Karabakh's support for these peace-keeping measures, and remain hopeful that Azerbaijan will lift its objections and allow for their timely implementation.

It is in this spirit that we urge you to work on the sidelines of the Nuclear Security Summit with all the key stakeholders in a Nagorno-Karabakh settlement to implement concrete, common-sense peace-keeping measures that have been proposed by Members of Congress and supported by your Administration:

- An agreement from all sides not to deploy snipers - or, for that matter, any escalation of heavy arms or new weaponry - along the line of contact.
- The placement of OSCE-monitored, advanced gunfire-locator systems and sound-ranging equipment to determine the source of attacks along the line of contact.
- The deployment of additional OSCE observers along the line of contact to better monitor cease-fire violations.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. We will continue to support your Administration's efforts within the OSCE Minsk Group to reach a fair and durable resolution of

status and security issues related to Nagorno-Karabakh, and look forward to hearing of your actions in this regard.

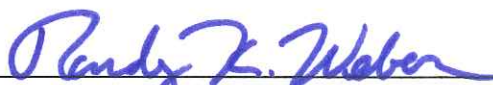
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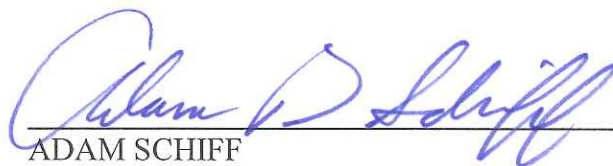
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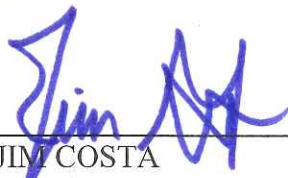
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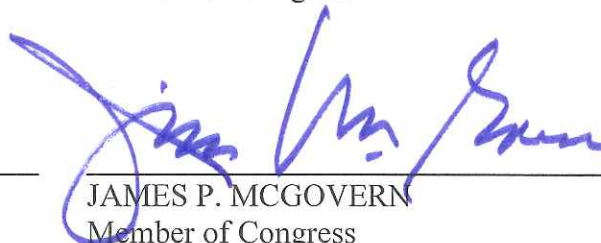
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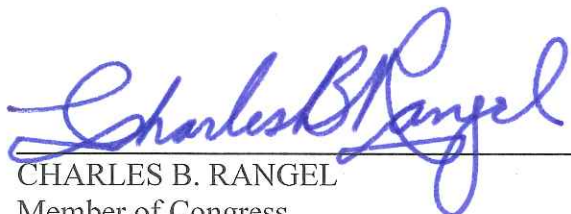
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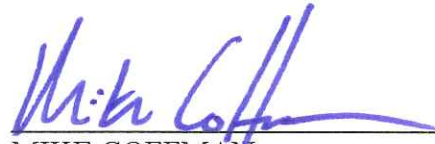
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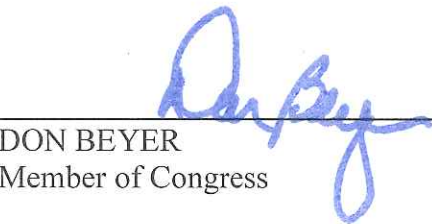
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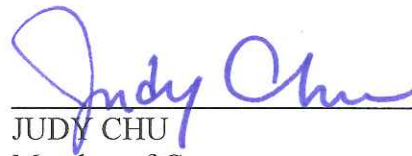
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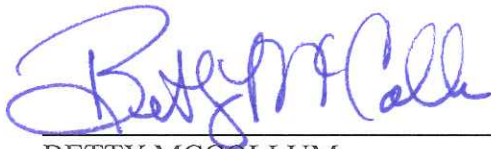
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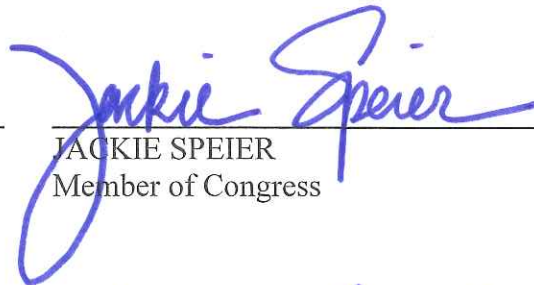
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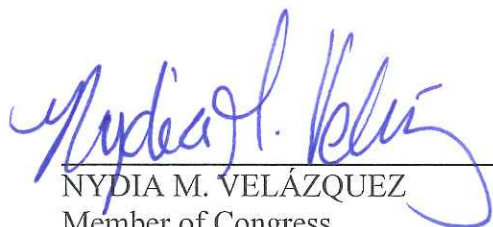
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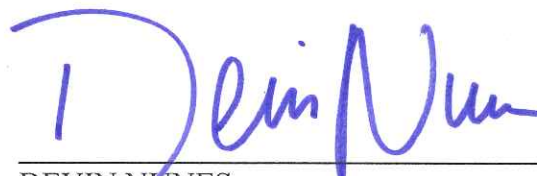
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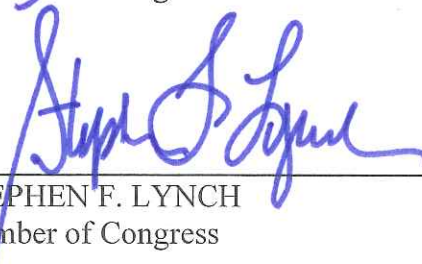
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