

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

May 11, 2011

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
Subcommittee on State, Foreign  
Operations and Related Programs  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Nita Lowey  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on State, Foreign  
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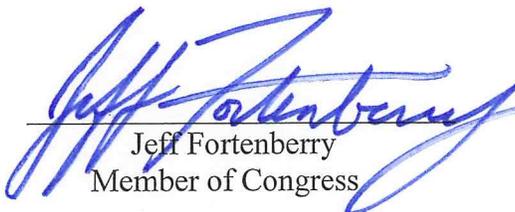
Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member Lowey:

Last year, Congress passed with broad bipartisan support the *Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) Disarmament and Northern Uganda Recovery Act*, and as mandated by the law, President Obama issued a comprehensive strategy aimed at bringing LRA commanders to justice and ending the group's campaign of violence. This measure has catalyzed unprecedented international momentum, and as you prepare the FY12 Appropriations bill, we urge you to ensure the U.S. Government has sufficient resources to help end the atrocities committed by the LRA, protect innocent civilians, and stabilize a region of Africa that is critical to U.S. national security interests.

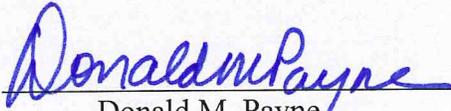
Over the past 25 years, the LRA has terrorized civilians and abducted tens of thousands of children, many of whom have been forced into child soldiering or sex slavery. Its influence spans the border areas of South Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Central African Republic. It is the deadliest rebel group in Congo, and has displaced hundreds of thousands of people across central Africa, including South Sudan, where U.S. investments in peace and stability are critical as the region establishes independence in July.

We must ensure that the U.S. Government has the resources at its disposal to implement the strategy that Congress required it to create. If fully implemented, this strategy could have a decisive impact on seeing one of Africa's most longstanding human rights crises finally brought to an end. Resources invested in ending this conflict now will not only save innocent lives, but also reduce the need for expensive emergency humanitarian aid and promote stability in one of Africa's most volatile regions.

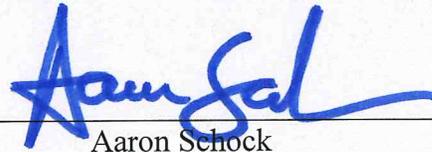
Sincerely,

  
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Member of Congress

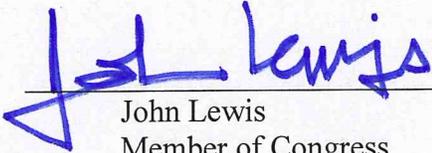
  
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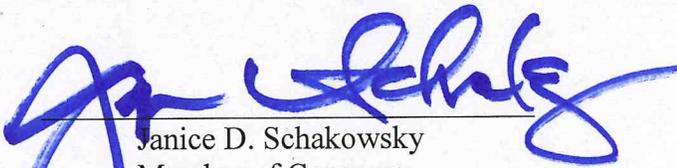
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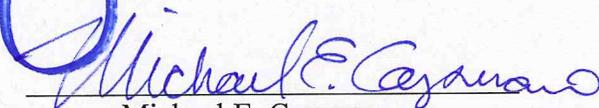
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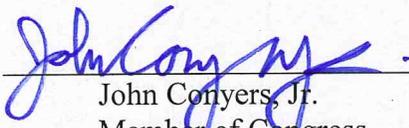
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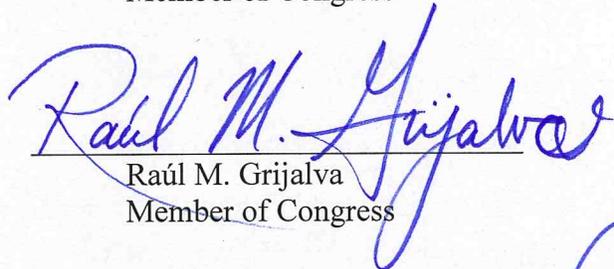
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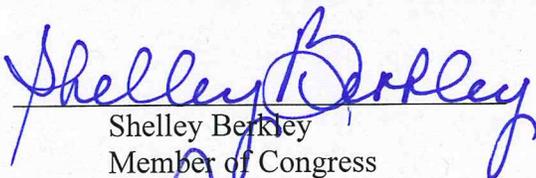
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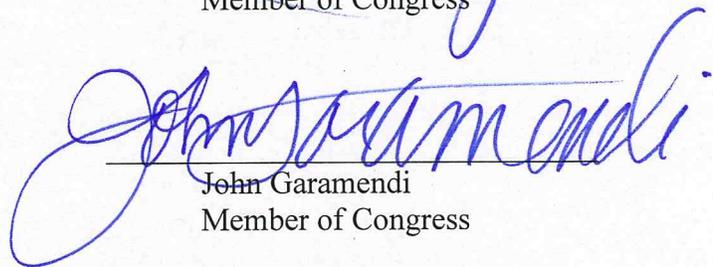
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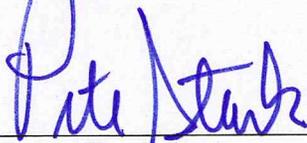
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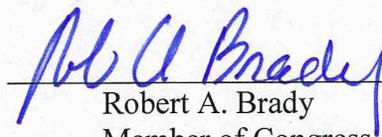
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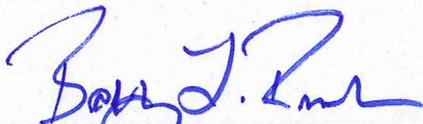
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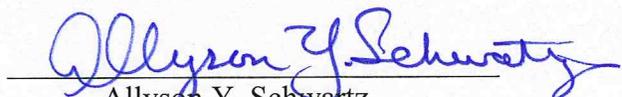
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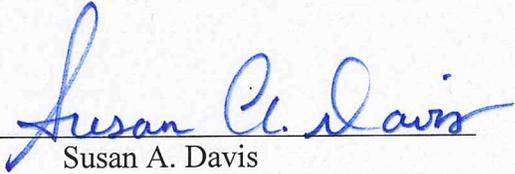
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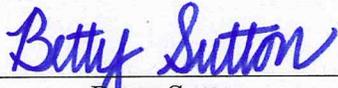
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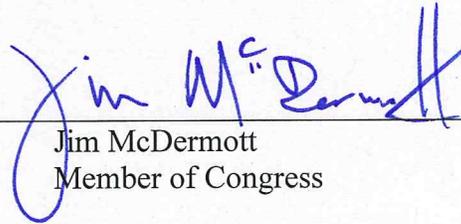
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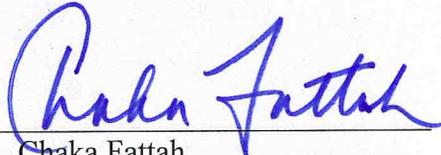
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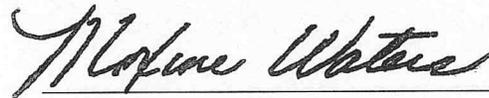
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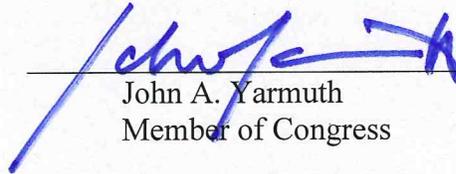
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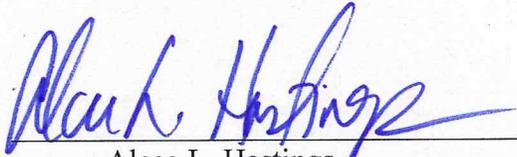
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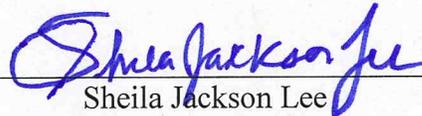
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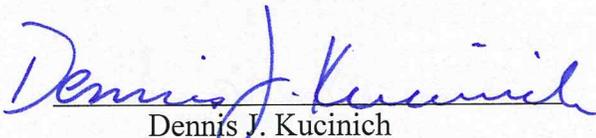
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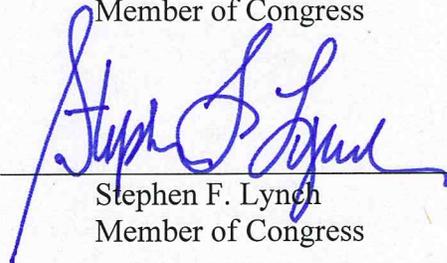
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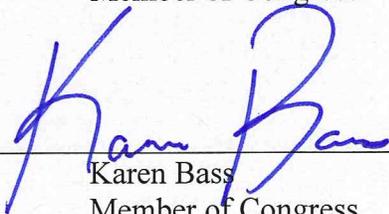
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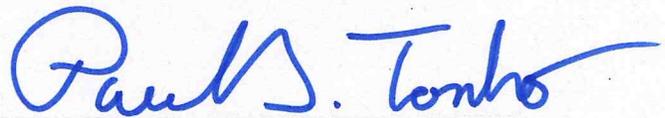
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