

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

May 6, 2019


The Honorable Richard Shelby
Chairman
U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations
U.S. Capitol, S-128
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Vice Chairman
U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations
U.S. Capitol, S-146A
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Shelby and Vice Chairman Leahy:

Thank you for your ongoing work on FY 2020 appropriations bills. We are grateful that the FY 2019 omnibus spending bill was largely free of unrelated policy riders that would have had deleterious consequences for public health and the environment. As you know, the inclusion of such unrelated policy riders has undermined the Senate's ability over the years to pass appropriations bills. To help maintain regular order and to ensure bipartisan support, we urge you to keep the FY 2020 appropriations bills free of controversial anti-environmental policy riders.

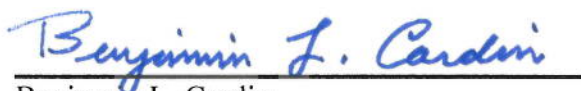
Sincerely,



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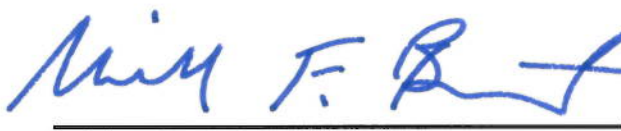
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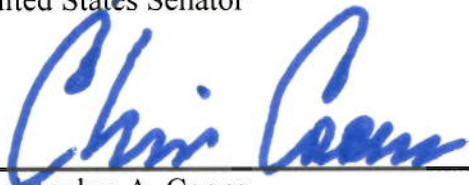
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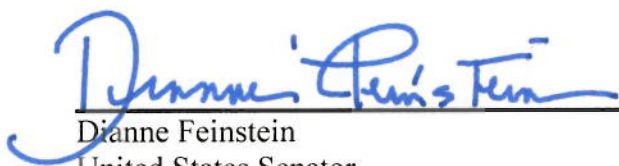
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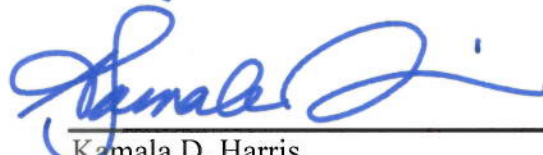
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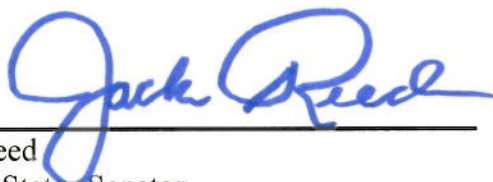
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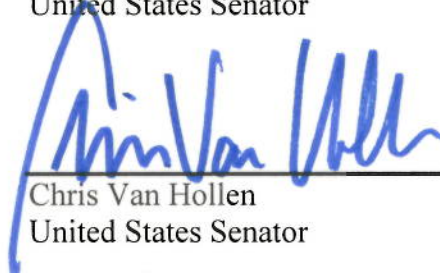
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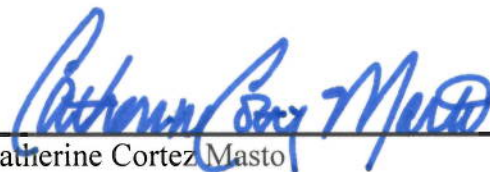
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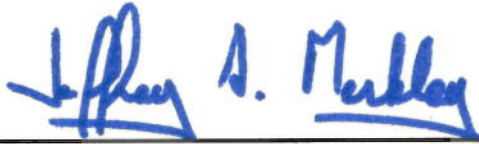
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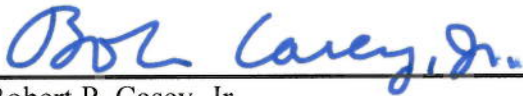
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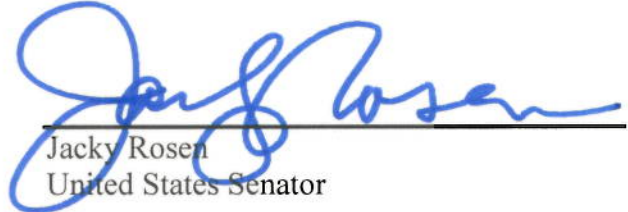
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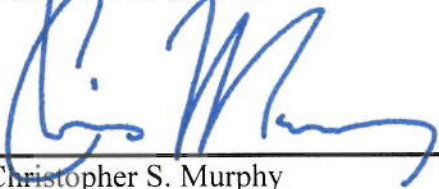
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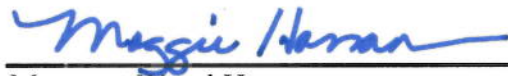
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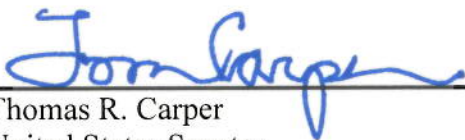
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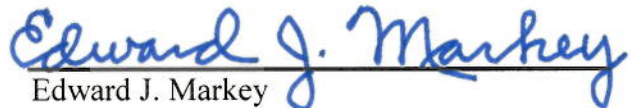
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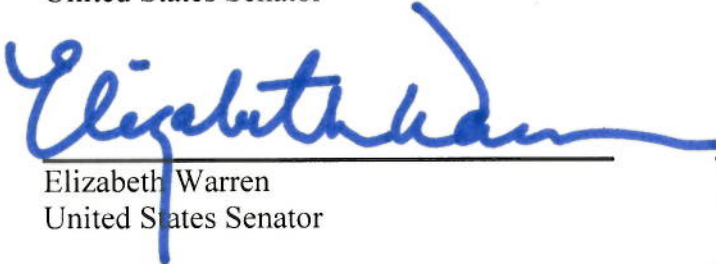
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