

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

March 22, 2016

Chairwoman Kay Granger  
Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs  
U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations  
HT-2, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger,

We deeply appreciate your commitment to including key pro-life policies in Appropriations bills, and write today regarding important policies for the FY17 State, Foreign Operations Appropriations bill. As you draft your bill this spring, we urge you to include important language regarding the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the Mexico City Policy and population control funding.

UNFPA is infamous for its complicity in China's brutal birth limitation policy. Yet this administration has virtually ignored the Kemp-Kasten provision (which precludes funding for organizations engaged in coercive abortion) and instead directs funds to the UNFPA despite the organization's connection in China's coercive birth limitation policy. UNFPA must be zeroed out. Additionally, reinstating the Mexico City Policy would once again protect our international population control funds from use by foreign nongovernmental organizations that promote and perform abortions.

**UNFPA AND MEXICO CITY POLICY LANGUAGE:**

*XXXX(a) None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be made available for the United Nations Population Fund*

*(b) None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act for population planning activities or other population assistance may be made available to any foreign nongovernmental organization that promotes or performs abortion, except in cases of rape or incest or when the life of the mother would be endangered if the fetus were carried to term.*

In addition, should you decide to allocate funds for family planning/reproductive health, we respectfully request that the aggregate number be established as a funding ceiling, rather than a floor as has been the case in prior enacted State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs appropriations bills. For example section 7058 of the final FY16 omnibus establishes a “not less than” funding level. Since this funding stream is a prime source of funds for organizations that promote and perform abortion overseas, we request that this funding level be dramatically reduced and set as a ceiling instead of a floor.

Thank you for your continued work on these important issues.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



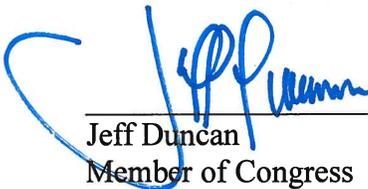
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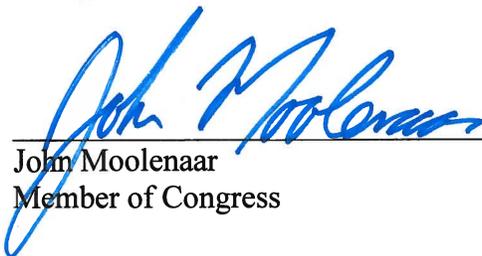
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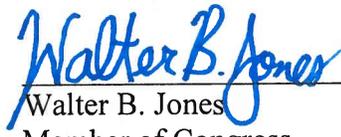
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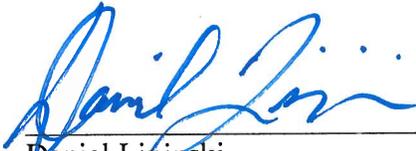
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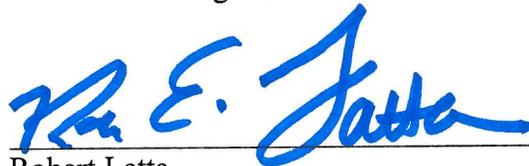
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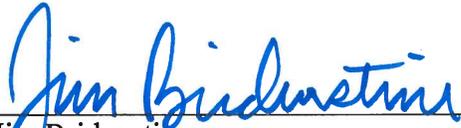
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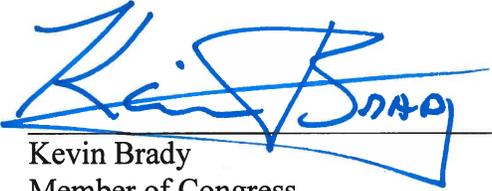
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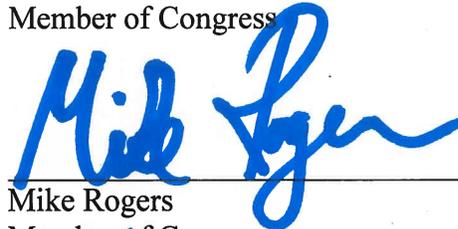
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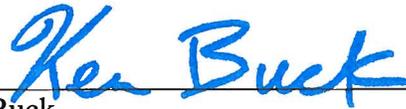
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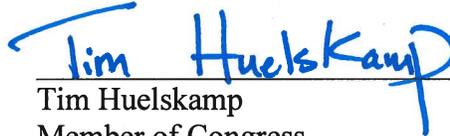
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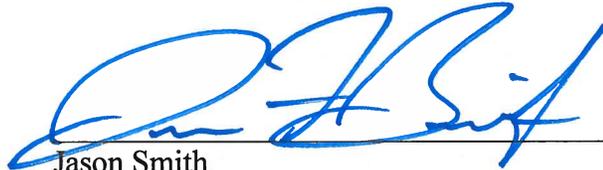
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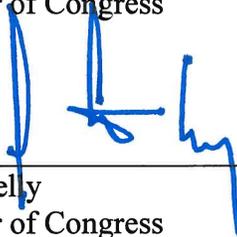
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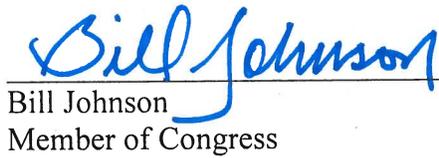
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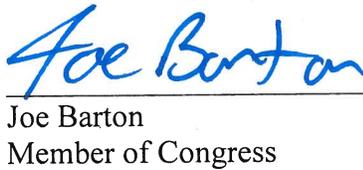
  
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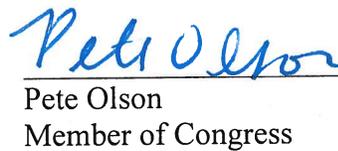
  
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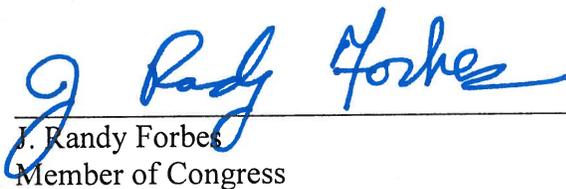
  
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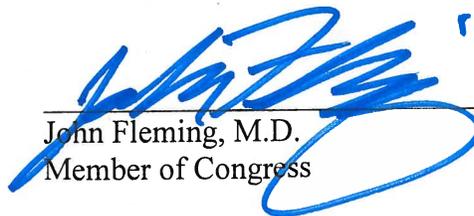
  
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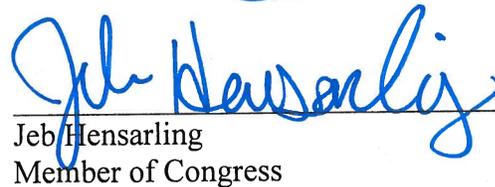
  
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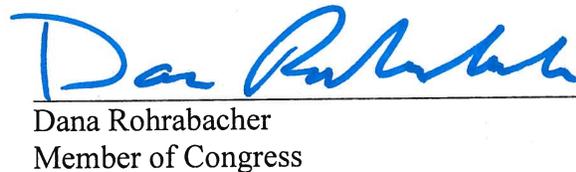
  
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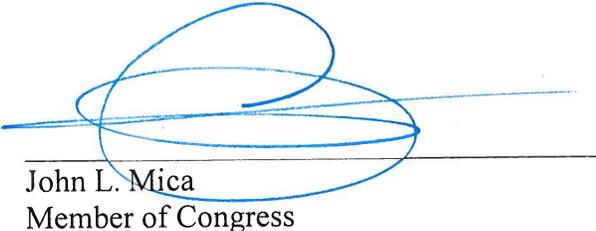
  
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