

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

June 11, 2010

His Excellency Sebastián Piñera
President of the Republic of Chile
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Dear President Piñera:

We would first like to offer our congratulations on your recent ascendency to the Presidency of Chile. The subject of this correspondence, the investigation into the disappearance of Boris Weisfeiler, is a matter that has concerned several of us for many years and which has involved extensive interaction between officials in our respective countries, including correspondence with your predecessors in office, President Lagos and President Bachelet. We write to request your support for the ongoing investigation.

Boris Weisfeiler is a U.S. citizen who disappeared in Chile in January 1985 while on a hiking trip in the VIII Region in close proximity to the controversial colony known as Colonia Dignidad. His case remains the only case of a missing U.S. citizen from the Pinochet-era for which there has never been a full accounting of the circumstances surrounding his disappearance.

For many years, Members of the United States Congress, as well as the State Department and other top U.S. officials have conveyed to Chilean leaders the importance of conducting a thorough and complete investigation. The efforts to this end have been varied. We applauded the decision to reopen the case in the Chilean Courts in January 2000 and we were pleased with the discovery of substantive, relevant and previously unavailable evidence. There have been, however, long periods with seemingly little progress. Through this ordeal, Mr. Weisfeiler's family in the U.S., led by his sister Dr. Olga Weisfeiler, have continued to work tirelessly to press for the resolution of this case, and to closely monitor the Chilean government's effort to complete its investigation.

Recently, Dr. Weisfeiler and other concerned Americans have been greatly encouraged by the decision by the Policía de Investigaciones de Chile (PDI) to appoint the present Human Rights Brigade led by head officers Prefecto Arnaldo Pedreros Guenante and Comisario Sandro Gaete Escobar, and with Alberto Pérez as the chief investigator. The Weisfeiler family feels that this has been the most qualified, dedicated and cooperative team to work on Mr. Weisfeiler's disappearance to date, and they are encouraged by the

substantial progress that this team has been able to make in regard to new witnesses and other possible leads in the investigation.

Their enthusiasm surrounding the work of this exceptional team has been mitigated by rising concern that personnel changes at PDI headquarters, potentially resulting in the dispersal and reassignment of the present team, may be forthcoming. The present team's investigative work appears to be making significant progress, and to disperse them at this time would be an extremely discouraging development in this case.

We are writing to ask you, therefore, to use whatever powers you may have in your office to press for the present team to be allowed to continue its investigative efforts into Mr. Weisfeiler's disappearance. This investigation has been ongoing for some twenty-five years and the Weisfeiler family deserves to know the truth of Boris' fate.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter amid all of the duties before you. We are grateful for your consideration of our request, and we look forward to hearing back from you as soon as possible.




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United States Senator



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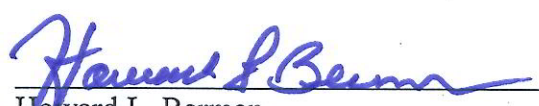
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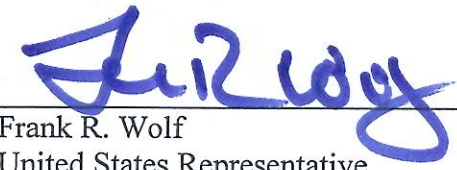
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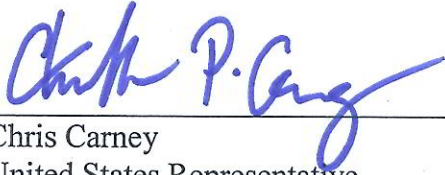
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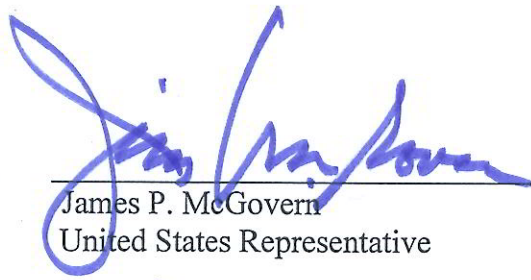
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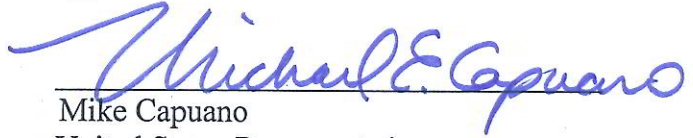
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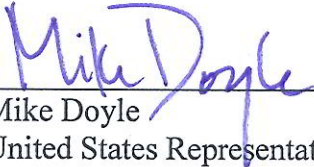
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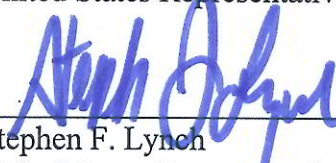
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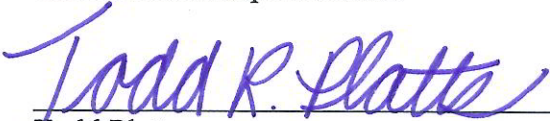
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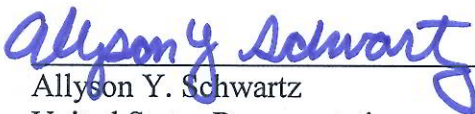
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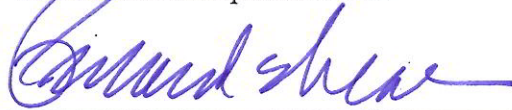
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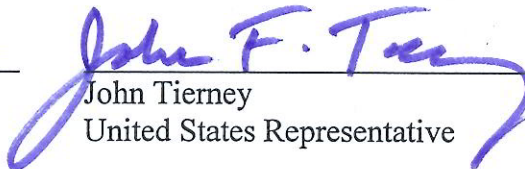
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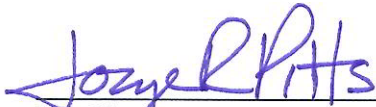
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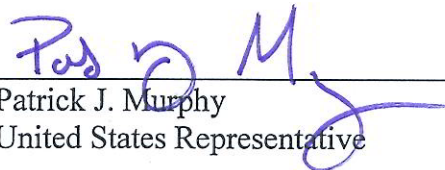
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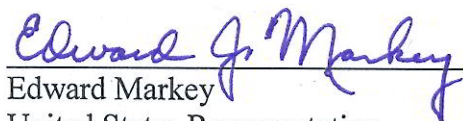
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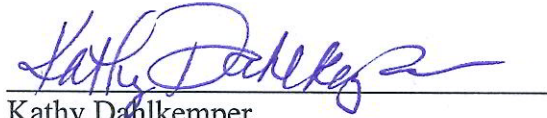
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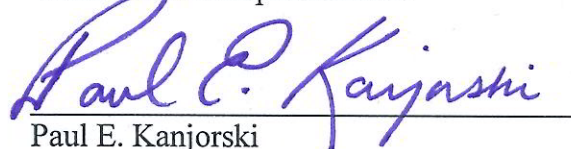



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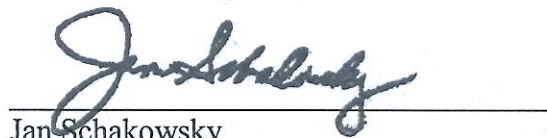

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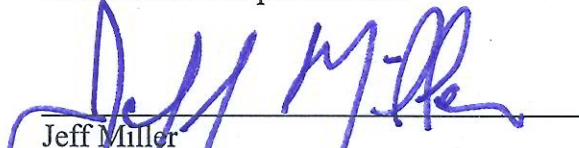

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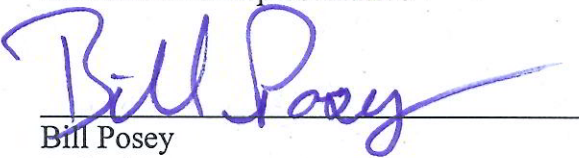

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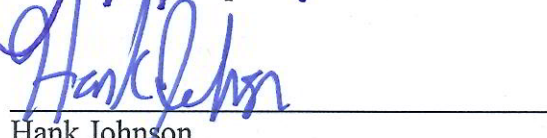

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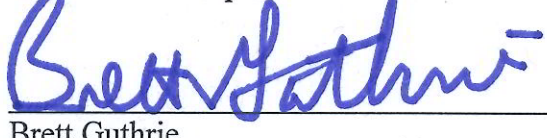

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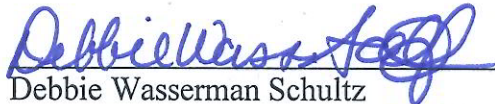

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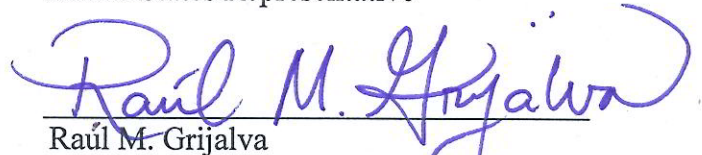

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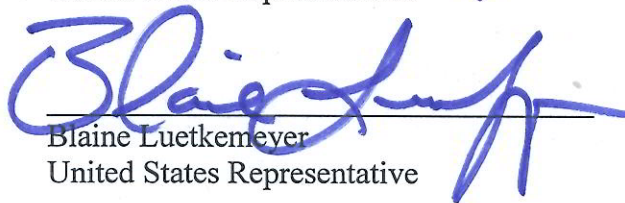

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