

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Rodney Frelinghuysen
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-305, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nita M. Lowey
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1016 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Frelinghuysen and Ranking Member Lowey,

As appropriations bills for Fiscal Year 2019 are considered, we urge that the Committee oppose harmful provisions or policy riders that undermine efforts to reduce the impacts of climate change.

Climate change is already a threat to life and property, rising temperatures, sea levels, and worsening impacts from severe weather events. The bipartisan House Climate Solutions Caucus, of which we are all members, is engaged in developing market-based solutions to address the critical issue of climate change.

Appropriations provisions and policy riders that prohibit or limit the use of funds to study initiatives to reduce climate change impacts, and prohibit or limit the use of funds to make our infrastructure more resilient to the impacts of climate change will make our country more prone to the damaging effects of climate change. We agree that provisions in the appropriations bills must advance our fight against climate change, not undermine progress.

Given the critical importance of reducing the harmful impacts of climate change, the Committee should oppose and remove any policy provisions or riders from the Fiscal Year 2019 appropriations bills that undermine efforts to confront climate change. We appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward continuing to work with the Committee in the future.

Sincerely,



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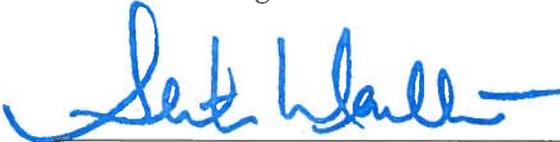
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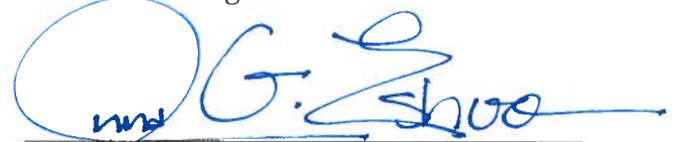
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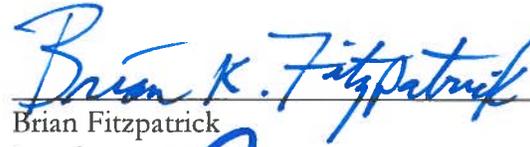
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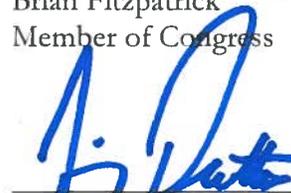
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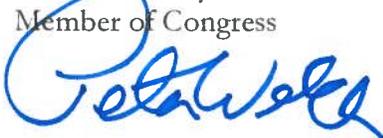
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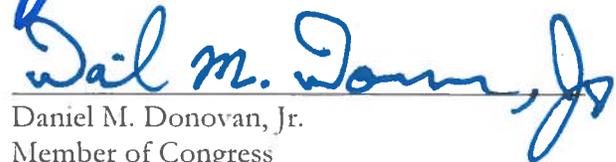
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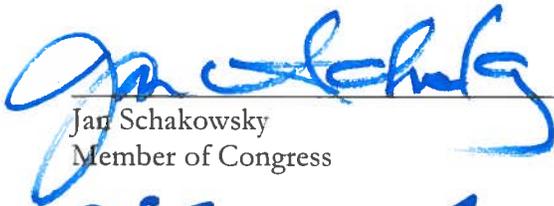
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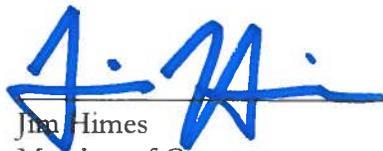
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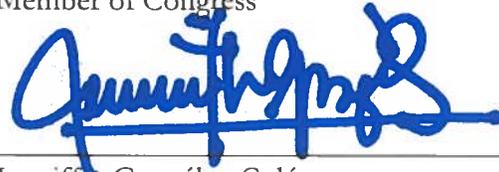
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