

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

November 15, 2017

Ambassador Robert E. Lighthizer
United States Trade Representative
600 17th St NW
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Ambassador Lighthizer:

This letter follows up on our previous correspondence about keeping American highways safe from Mexican-domiciled trucks in the renegotiation of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). Since then, during the fourth round of talks, our negotiators proposed a solution to this long-standing NAFTA problem that anticipates a role for Congress, in the implementation of a final agreement, to craft new statutory/regulatory standards that will protect American drivers and long-haul truckers.

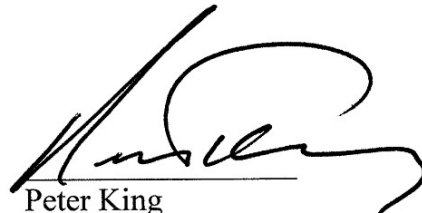
We commend your office for putting this issue back on the table. And we stand ready, in the spirit of "fair trade" bipartisanship, to work with your office and the Department of Transportation to meet the challenge of a modernized NAFTA. We commit to working together on a new and comprehensive legislative approach that will safeguard families on our interstate highways as well as the American long-haul operators who make their living transporting cargo and containers beyond the border commercial zones and into the American heartland.

As you prepare for the inevitable resistance to the U.S. proposal in the fifth and subsequent rounds of negotiations, we hope that you will stand firm in your commitment to not trade away our highway safety, secure in the knowledge that the U.S. position enjoys broad support in the Congress and among U.S. stakeholders.

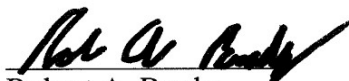
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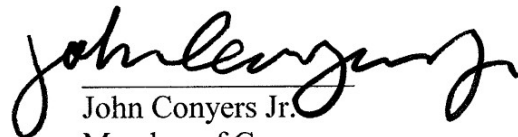
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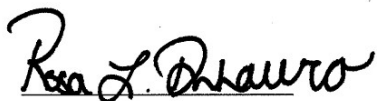
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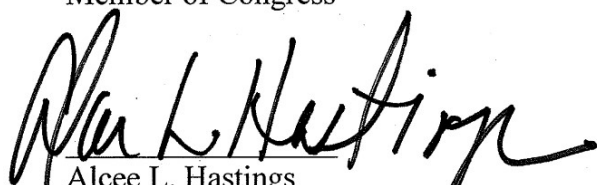
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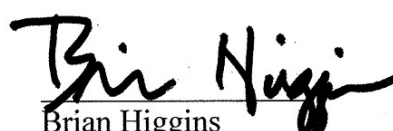

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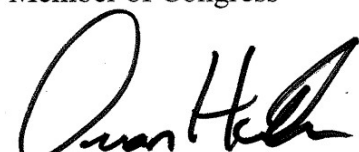

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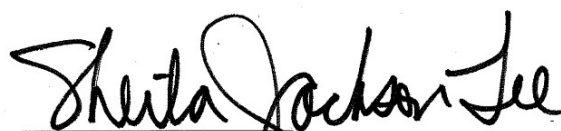

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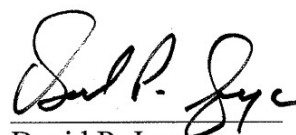

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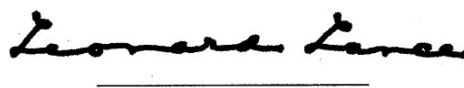

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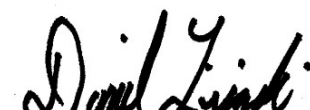

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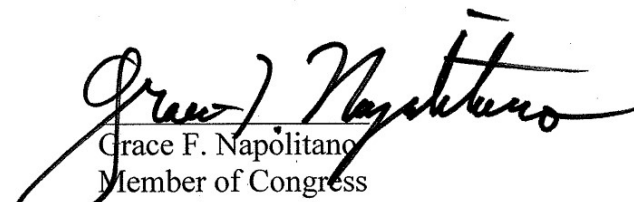

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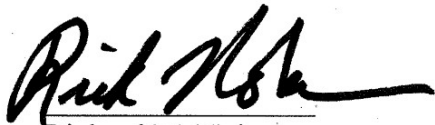

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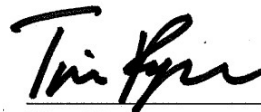

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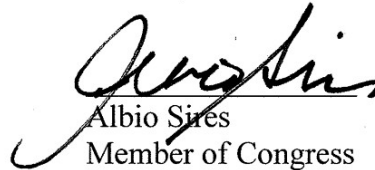
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