

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

January 26, 2006

President George W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Mr. President:

We urge you to fund the C.O.P.S. program at its fully authorized level of \$1 billion in FY 2007.

Earlier this month, you signed the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 into law, reauthorizing the C.O.P.S. program at \$1,047,119,000 a year through 2009, and empowering the Department of Justice to award grants for state and local police departments to hire "terrorism cops."

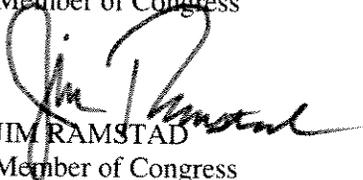
The C.O.P.S. program has proven to be an integral part of the nationwide efforts to combat crime and prevent terrorism. To date, the program has helped local communities across the nation hire almost 120,000 additional police officers and acquire the equipment and technology they need to keep our streets safe.

Former Attorney General John Ashcroft has described C.O.P.S. as a "miraculous sort of success." And a GAO study released last year stated, "...we estimated that C.O.P.S.-funded increases in sworn officers per capita were associated with declines in the rates of total index crimes, violent crimes, and property crimes."

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


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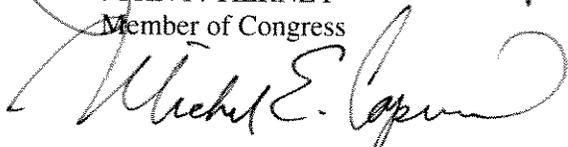

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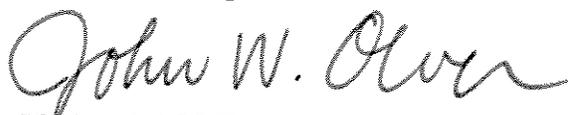
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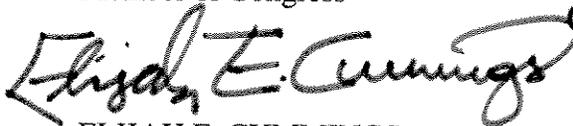
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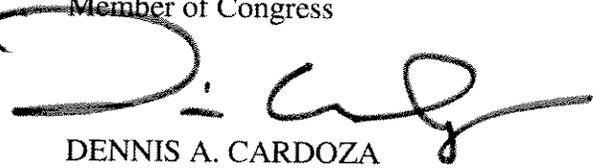
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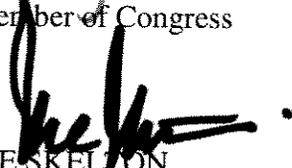
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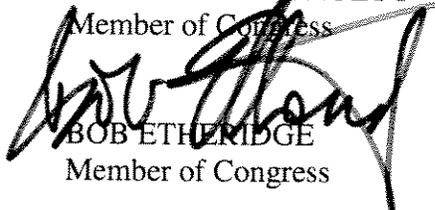
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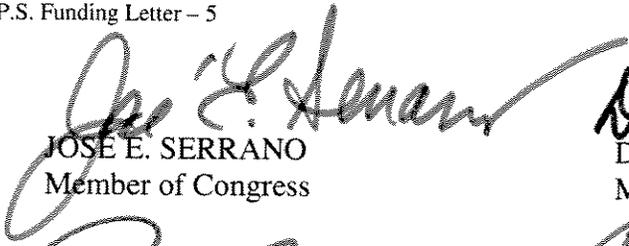
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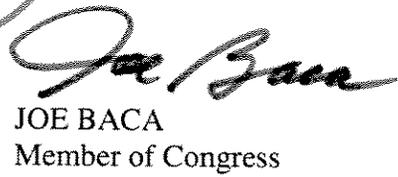
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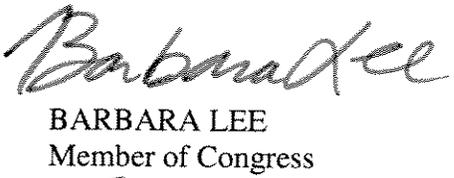
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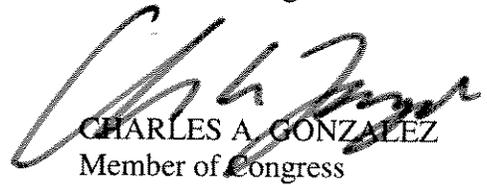
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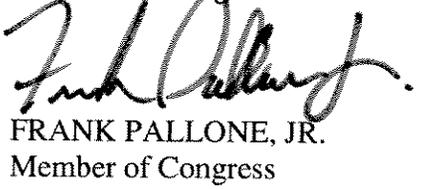
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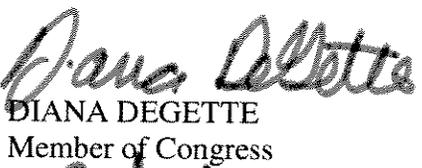
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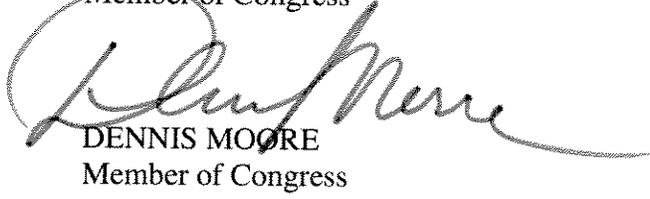
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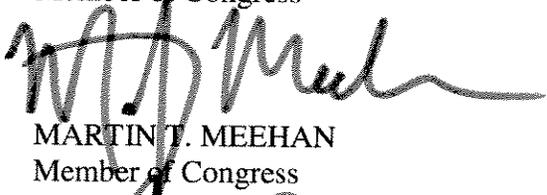
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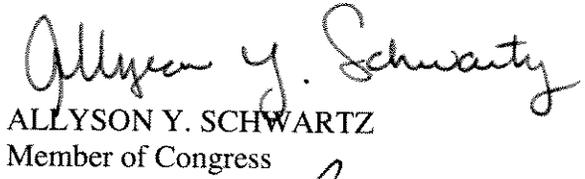
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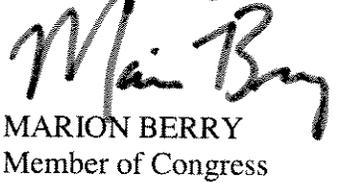
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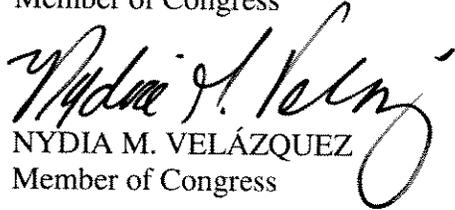
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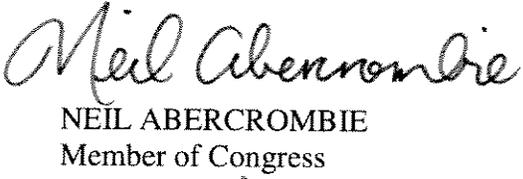
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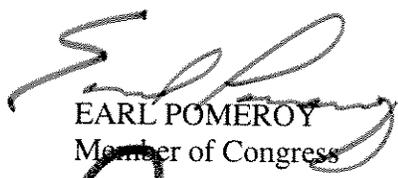
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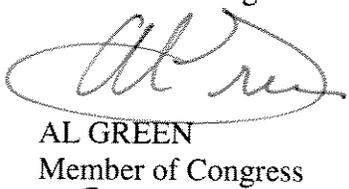
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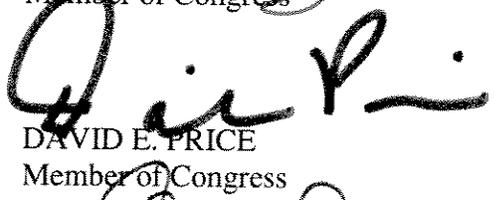
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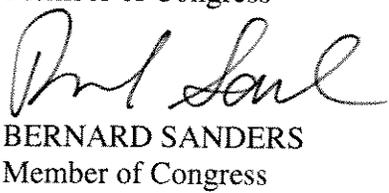
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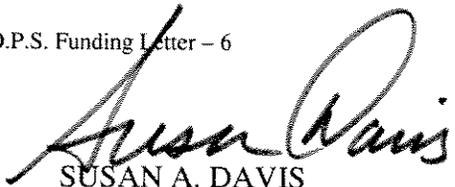
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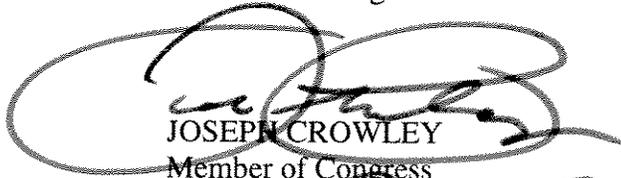
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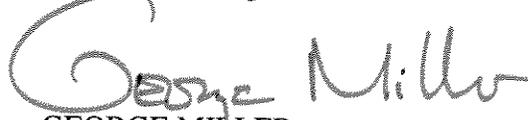
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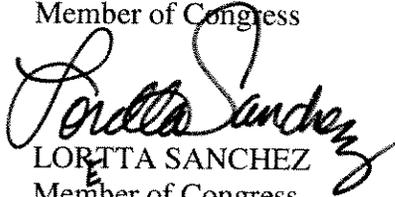
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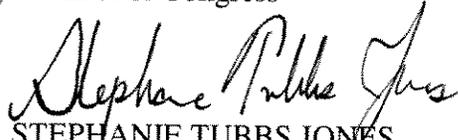
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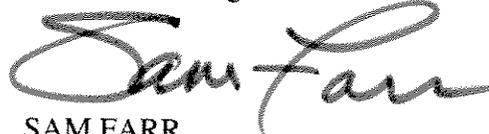
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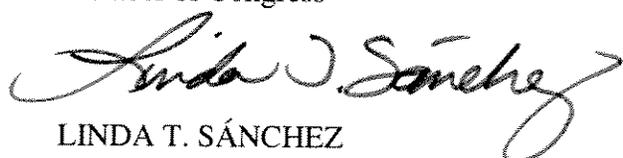
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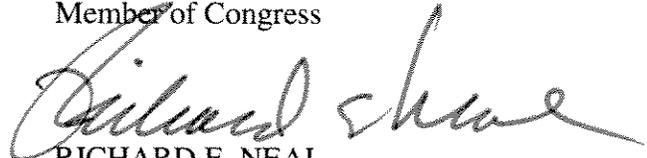


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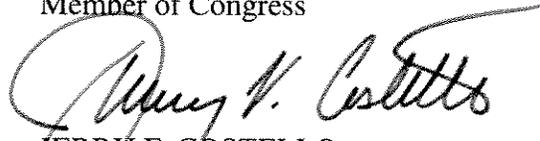

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