

United States Senate  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 26, 2017

The Honorable Thad Cochran  
Chairman  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
S-128, The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Patrick Leahy  
Vice Chairman  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
S-146A, The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Cochran and Vice Chairman Leahy,

Thank you for your work to complete the FY 2018 appropriations bills. We are grateful that the FY 2017 omnibus spending bill was largely free of unrelated policy riders that would have compromised public health and the environment. As you know, the inclusion of such riders has undermined the Senate's ability to pass appropriations bills in the past. To help maintain regular order and to ensure bipartisan support, we urge you keep to the FY 2018 bills free of controversial environmental policy riders.

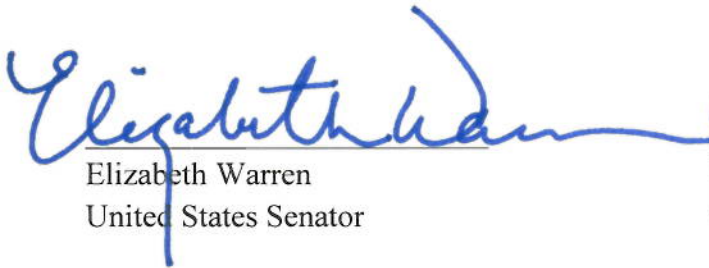
Sincerely,



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United States Senator



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United States Senator



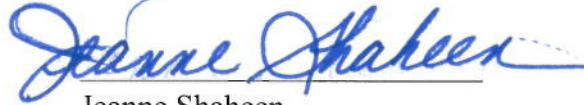
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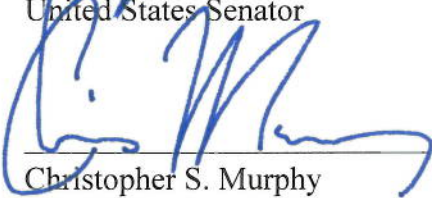
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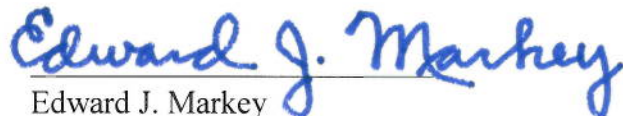
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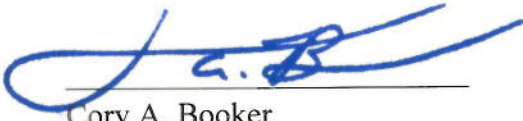
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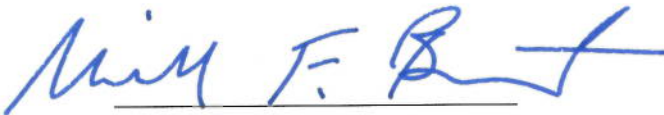
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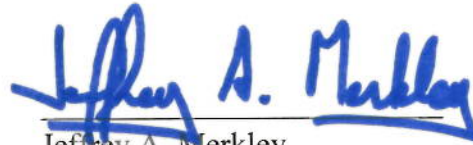
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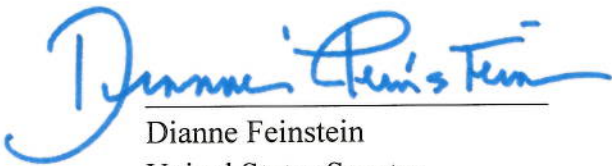
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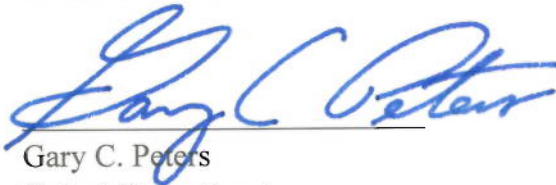
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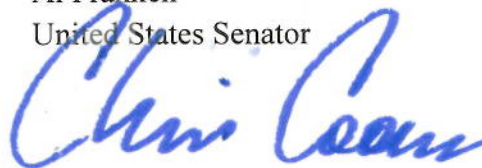
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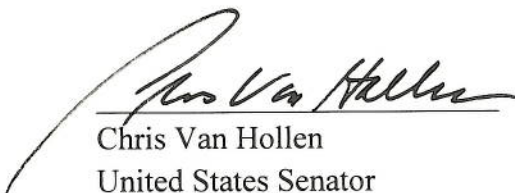
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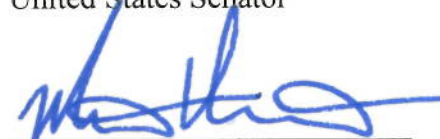
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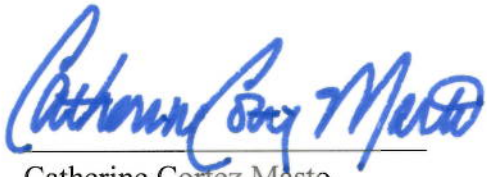
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