

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 20, 2018

The Honorable Richard Shelby
Chairman
U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations
U.S. Capitol, S-128
Washington, DC 20510

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

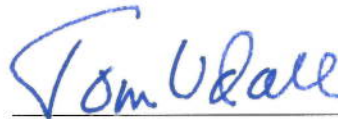
Dear Chairman Shelby and Vice Chairman Leahy:

Thank you for your work on FY 2019 appropriations bills. We are grateful that the FY 2018 omnibus spending bill was largely free of unrelated policy riders that would have had deleterious consequences for public health and the environment. As you know, the inclusion of such unrelated policy riders has undermined the Senate's ability over the years to pass appropriations bills. We appreciate Chairman Shelby's recent statements that we need to "go to regular order" and "not load the bills up with riders." We stand by the Chairman's remarks that Members should demonstrate "discipline to not offer amendments just to cripple the bill." To help maintain regular order and to ensure bipartisan support, we urge you to keep the FY 2019 appropriations bills free of controversial anti-environmental policy riders.

Sincerely,



Sheldon Whitehouse
United States Senator



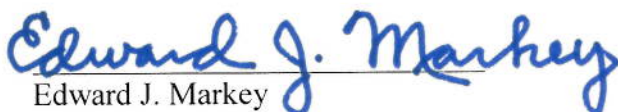
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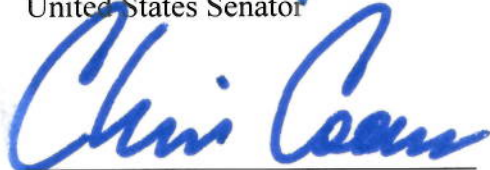
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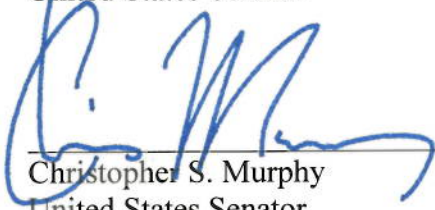

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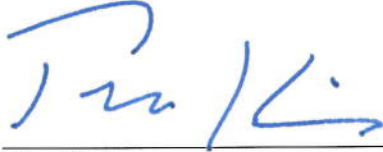
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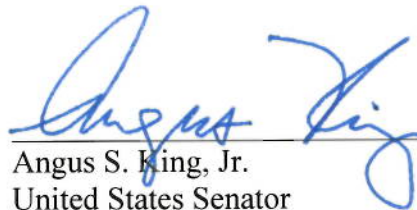
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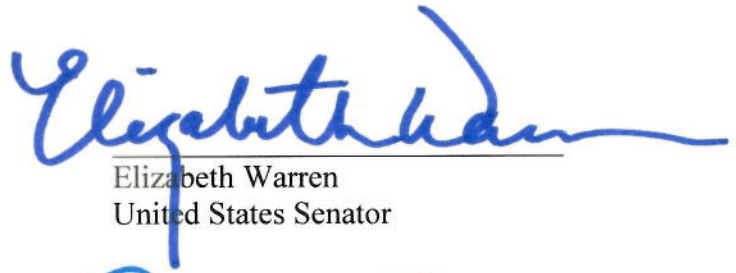
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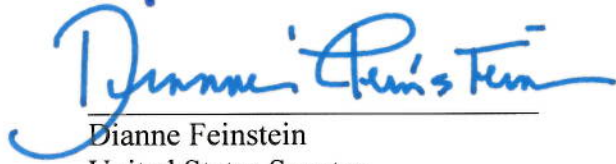
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