

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

April 15, 2014

The Honorable David Camp
Chairman
House Committee on Ways and Means
1102 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Chairman Camp:

We commend you for your efforts thus far in making comprehensive tax reform a reality. Like you, we believe it is well past time to move to a tax code that is simpler, fairer, and flatter for everyone.

One area that we would encourage you to continue considering is the issue of the Estate Tax, or so called "death" tax. As you are well aware, the death tax is set permanently at 40%. While we appreciate that your proposal continues the certainty of having a permanent set rate, we would encourage you to consider repealing this tax altogether.

The death tax places a significant burden on small businesses and farms as these operations are transferred to their family heirs. The tax punishes the hard work and savings of parents wishing to leave behind a better life for their children and it seriously affects family farms and family-owned businesses. This tax only accounts for around 1% of federal revenue and we believe it's an unnecessary tax on America's job creators.

Thank you for your consideration. We applaud your hard work on this issue, and look forward to working with you and the Committee on enacting comprehensive tax reform.

Sincerely,



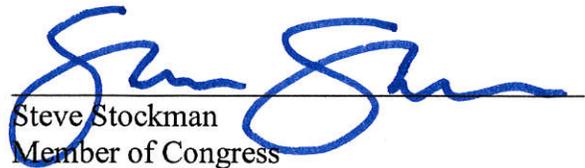
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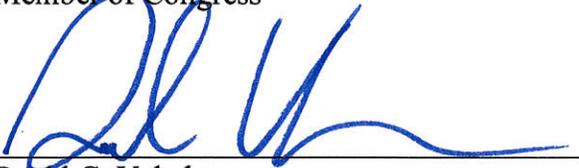
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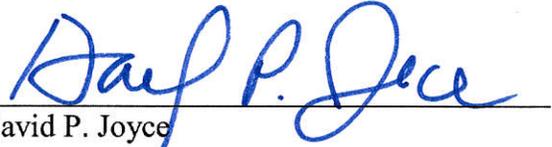
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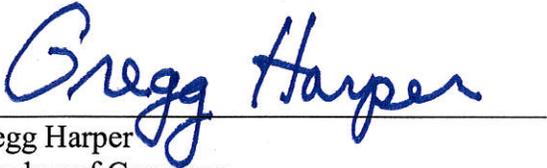
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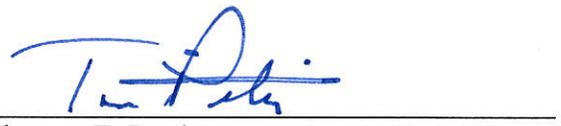
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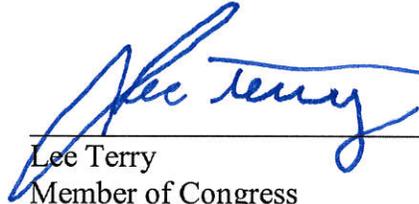
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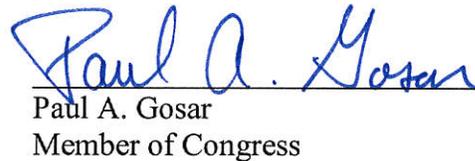
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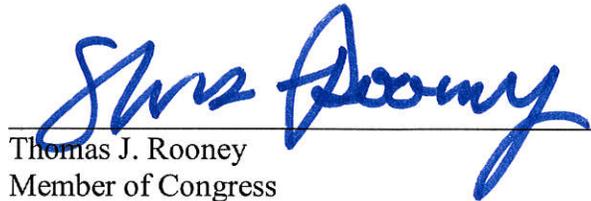
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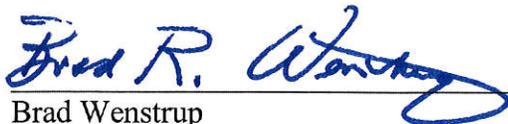
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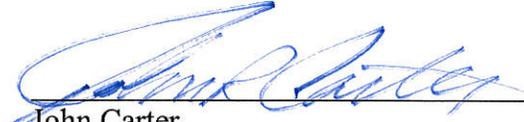
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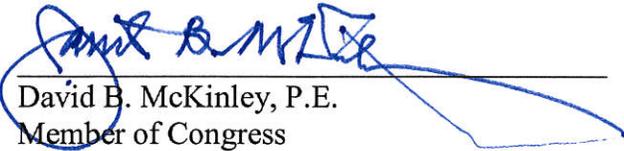
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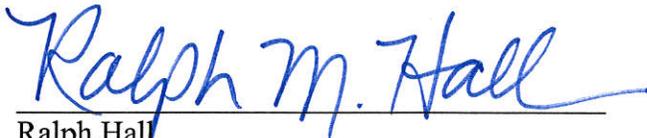
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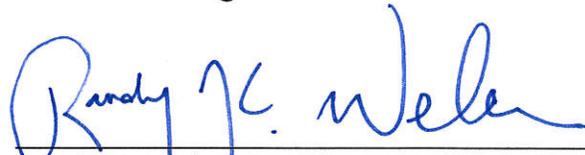
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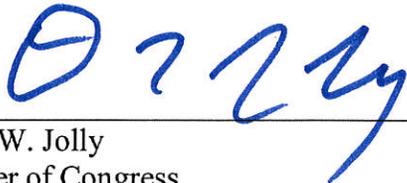
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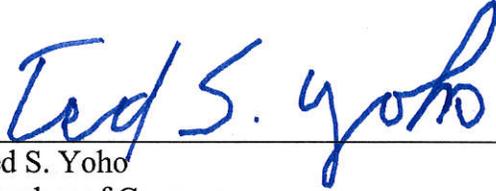
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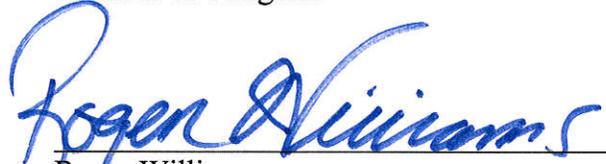
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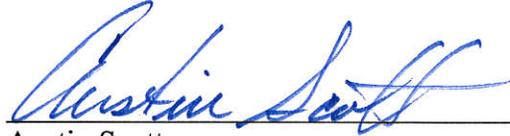
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