

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

November 2, 2023

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
S-221, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
S-230, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
H-204, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell, Speaker Johnson, and Minority Leader Jeffries,

We respectfully request the swift passage of the President's request for Fiscal Year 2024 emergency supplemental funding, which includes aid for the United States Agency for International Development's International Disaster Assistance account to meet rising humanitarian needs around the world including those related to the ongoing conflict in Gaza and Israel.

As a result of the ongoing conflict, more than two million people are in urgent need of lifesaving humanitarian assistance. Over one million people have fled the violence, stretching the already strained ability of the United Nations and humanitarian partners on the ground to provide food, medical treatment, and shelter to those in need. At this time, it is critical that the United States make clear its support for humanitarian assistance by responding swiftly and substantially. The ability to support and protect the civilian population in Gaza during this crisis is not only a foundation of international law, it is also critical in shaping the eventual long-term prospects of peace and stability in the region. A major humanitarian catastrophe and large-scale civilian casualties will make the U.S. stated goal of a two state solution even more challenging to ever realize.

The need for aid into Gaza could not be clearer with fuel supplies running low, organizations struggling to meet their mission, and hospitals in Gaza struggling to provide life saving care.¹ At

¹ [UN agencies reduce Gaza aid operations as fuel runs out](#)

the time of this letter, 374 trucks, carrying essential supplies including food, water, and medical resources, have crossed into Gaza from Egypt through the Rafah border crossing. This number is a fraction of what is needed to meet the needs posed by the current crisis.² The Administration's request to expand aid is crucial, especially considering the potential crisis-induced displacement across borders. This extension, addressing evolving programming needs not only in Gaza but also in Israel, the West Bank, Lebanon, Jordan, Syria, and Egypt, deserves unwavering support so that the region may finally experience security and stability.

We believe that a prompt and robust humanitarian response is necessary to protect the lives of Palestinians, Americans, and Israelis - whose security will be weakened if we fail to meet the humanitarian needs in the region. It is for this reason that we again respectfully request the swift passage of President Biden's emergency supplemental appropriations request so that we may uphold our country's proud tradition of leading the international community in providing lifesaving relief by contributing funding for international humanitarian assistance. We appreciate your leadership and consideration.

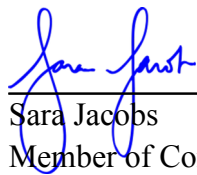
Sincerely,



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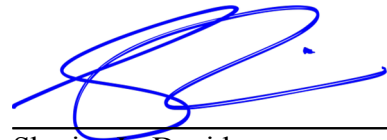
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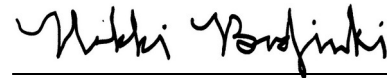
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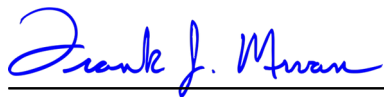
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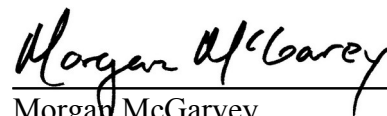
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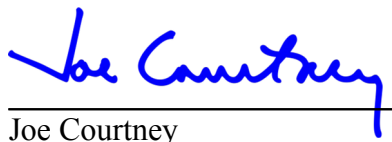
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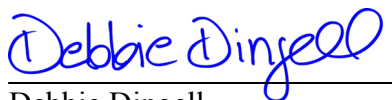
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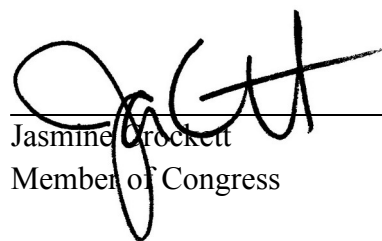
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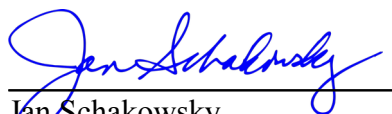
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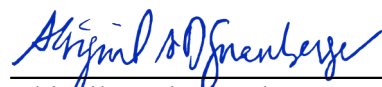
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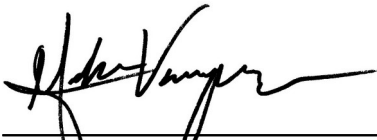
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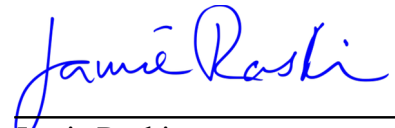
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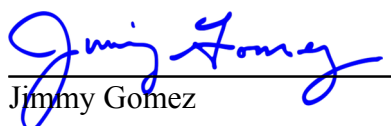
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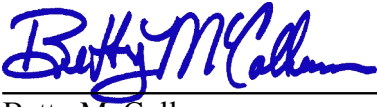
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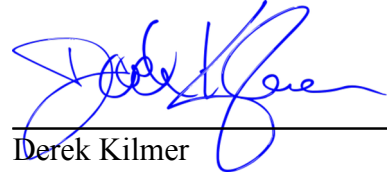
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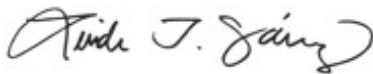
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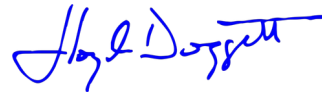
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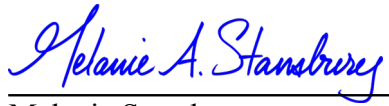
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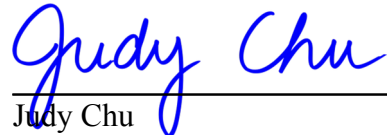
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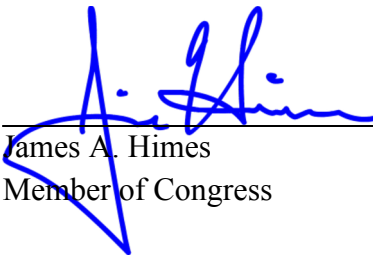
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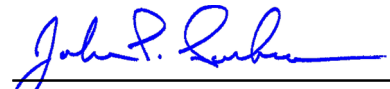
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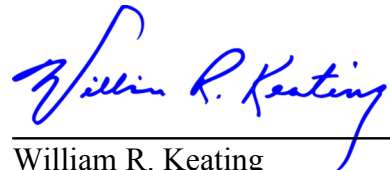
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