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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
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U.S. House of Representatives
Room H-232, U.S. Capitol
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The Honorable Steny Hoyer
Majority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Room H-107, U.S. Capitol
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The Honorable Henry A. Waxman
Chairman
House Energy and Commerce Committee
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Edward J. Markey
Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy and Environment
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Speaker Pelosi, Majority Leader Hoyer, Chairman Waxman, and Chairman Markey;

Thank you for your continued commitment to strengthen our economy and protect our environment.

As you know, H.R. 2454, The American Clean Energy and Security Act, offers our country the most important opportunity in generations to jumpstart our economy, create millions of new, well-paying jobs and set the stage for America to compete and win in a 21st century economy while reducing global warming pollution. A strong clean energy jobs bill will benefit small businesses and set us on the pathway back to economic prosperity.

H.R. 2454 in its current form represents a great effort put forward by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. We commend the work that has already been done and look forward to working with you to strengthen and pass the bill. We continue to hear concerns from the environmental communities and green jobs advocates in our districts and across the country about measures that can be made to significantly strengthen the impact of the bill. America has a chance to lead in the global race if we pass a bill that truly levels the playing field for new energy industries.

The clean energy jobs bill will best serve America if we can strengthen its provisions to maximize job creation, invest in the skills of our workers and the long-term economic prosperity of our country, and significantly reduce the pollution that has been caused by fossil fuel industries for decades. With all of this in mind, please consider the following measures that we believe will significantly increase the overall effectiveness of the bill and help us reach our shared goals in moving towards a cleaner, stronger green economy.

Ensure More Clean Energy for America

Increase the Renewable Electricity Standard to 30 percent by 2020, combining renewable energy and energy efficiency to deliver more clean energy jobs to the U.S. economy more quickly. Utilities would have to achieve 17 percent mandatory renewables and 10 percent mandatory efficiency by 2020, while maintaining flexibility to do either with 3 percent.

Ensure that All Coal Plants Meet Strict Global Warming Emissions Standards

Maintain or strengthen existing authority under the Clean Air Act to establish limits for global warming emissions from coal plants.

Create More Clean Energy Jobs for America and Build Resiliency to Climate Change

Reduce allocations to polluting industries in order to supplement allowance accounts that would bolster green job development and protection of vulnerable communities that are impacted first and worst by climate change. Shave allocations from fossil fuel producers and redistribute to programs that deliver energy efficiency and renewable energy, create green jobs and train workers to fill them, and protect natural resources and vulnerable communities here and around the world.

Thank you for your consideration.

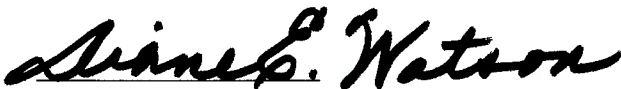
Sincerely,



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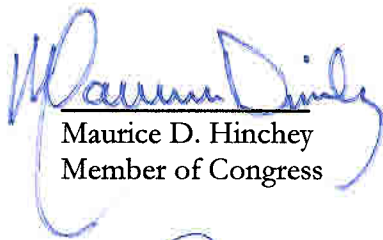
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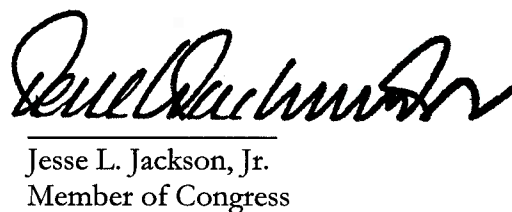
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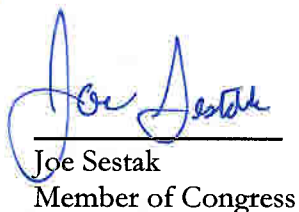
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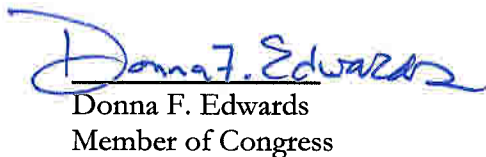
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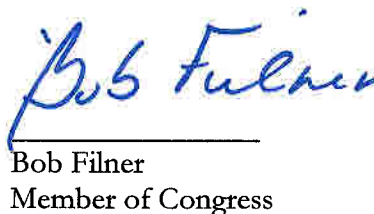
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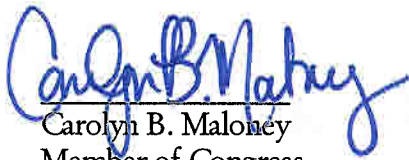
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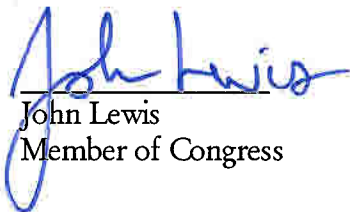
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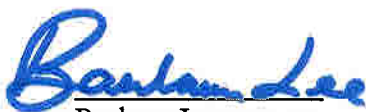
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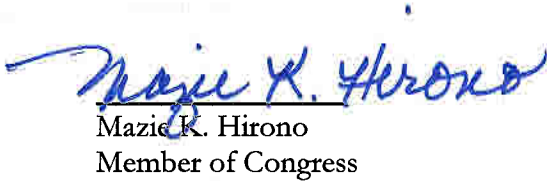
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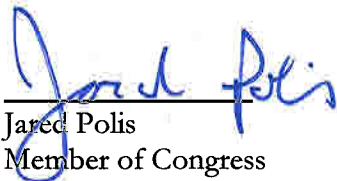
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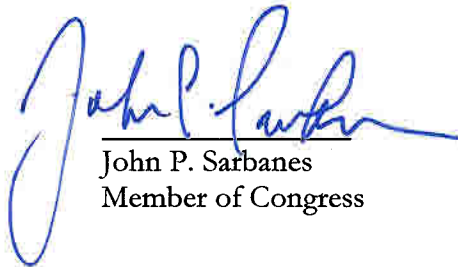
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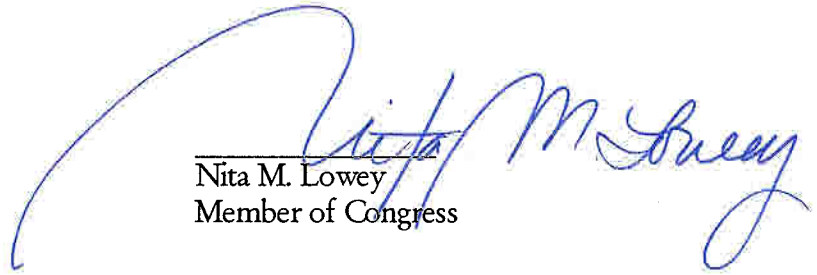
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