

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

December 19, 2008

Via Facsimile (202-456-3501)

The Honorable George W. Bush
President of the United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500-0001

Dear Mr. President,

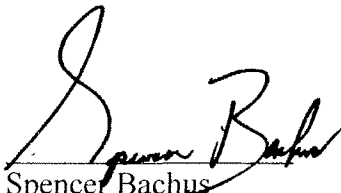
It is our understanding that you are on schedule to sign H.R. 7327, the Worker, Retiree, and Employer Recovery Act of 2008, in the next few days. This legislation contains an important provision temporarily waiving the required minimum distribution rules for IRAs, 401(k)s, and 403(b)s for the 2009 tax year.

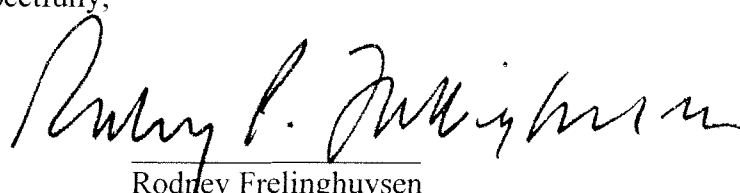
We respectfully request that you use your executive authority to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to use the flexibility provided by statute to immediately waive the same rules for the 2008 tax year. Furthermore, we ask that you use the same authority to allow retirees who have already withdrawn in 2008 to make recontributions to their accounts. By doing this, you will allow retirees to protect some of their savings during these rough economic times.

While the Internal Revenue Code requires retired individuals to begin taking withdrawals the later of the year after they retire or the year after they turn 70 ½, it is our understanding that Treasury regulations set the specific intervals and penalties, and therefore the distribution requirements could be adjusted for 2008 without Congressional action.

We thank you in advance for your prompt consideration of this request.

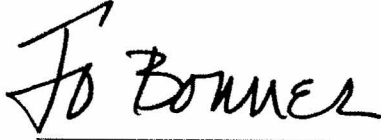
Respectfully,


Spencer Bachus
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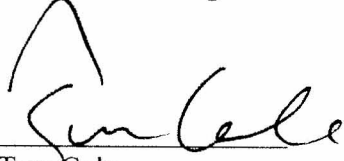

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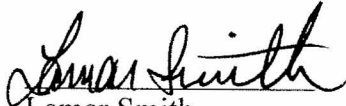
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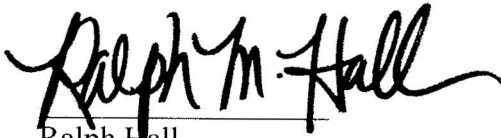
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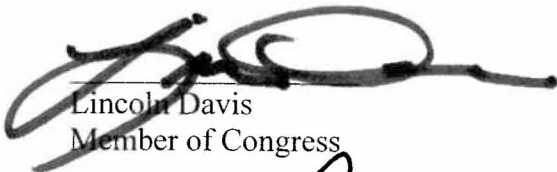
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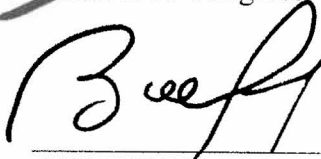
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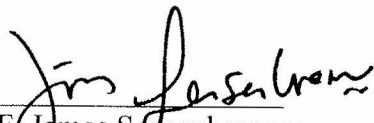
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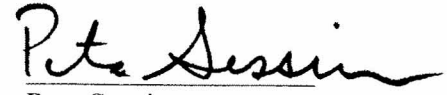
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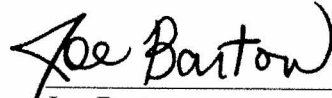
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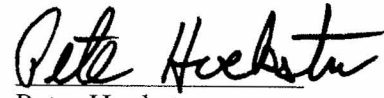
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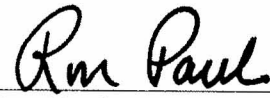
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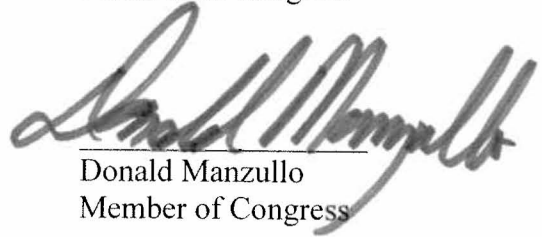
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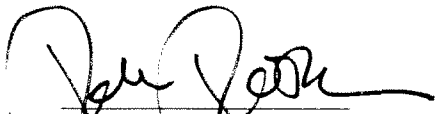
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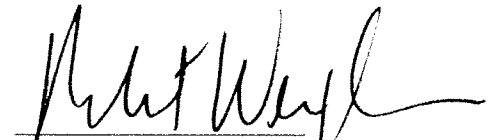


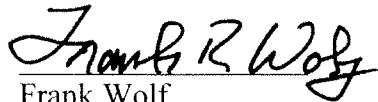
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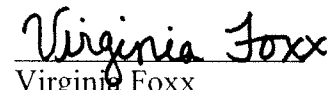

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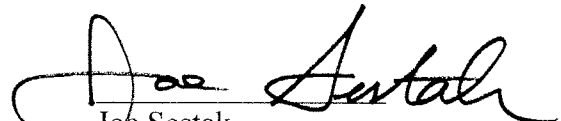

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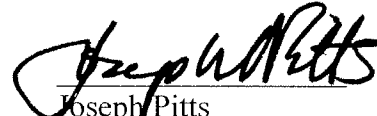

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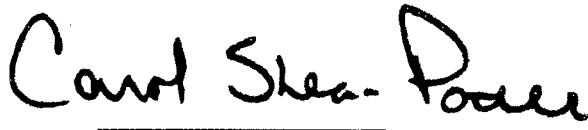

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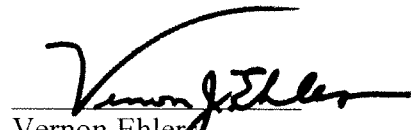

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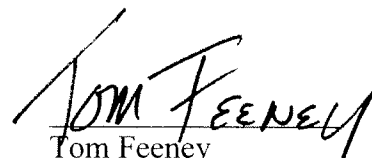

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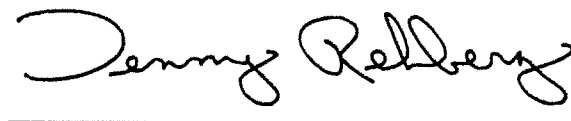

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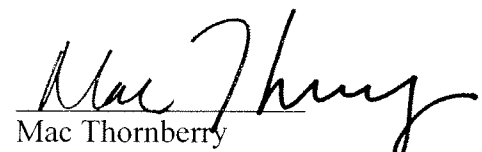

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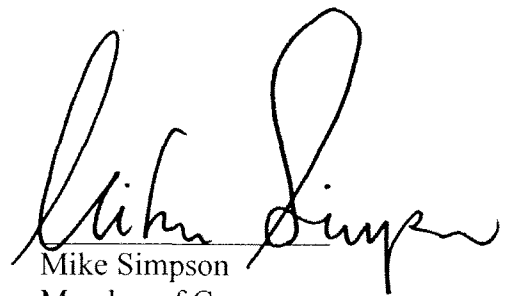

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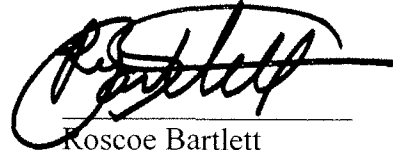
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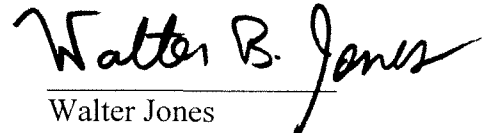
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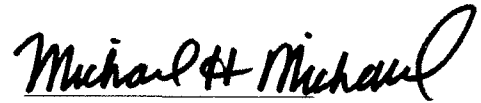
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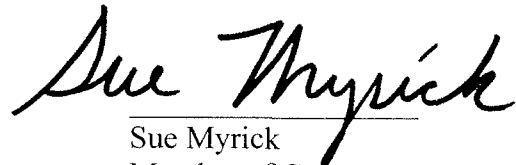
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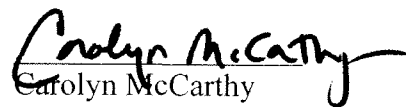
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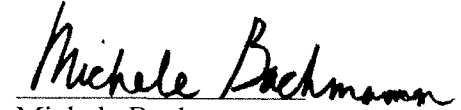


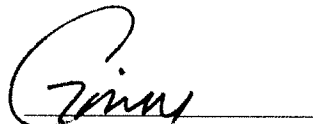
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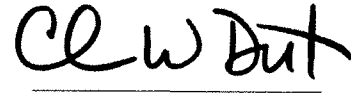

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