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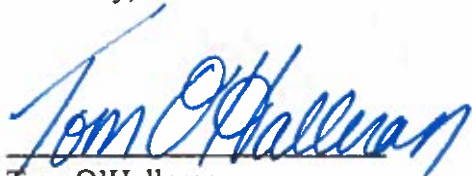
Dear Director Mulvaney,

We write to express our extreme concern and disapproval over your letter to the Office of Government Ethics, dated May 17, 2017, regarding OGE's request for copies of ethics waivers granted to political appointees in the executive branch, including the White House. As you know, OGE's request was issued in response to numerous reports of top administration officials receiving secret waivers to current ethics rules with no public disclosure.

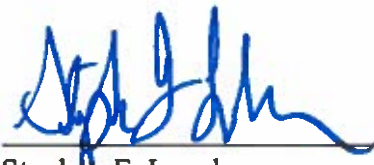
Your letter requesting that OGE "stay" their call for these waivers based on vague and undefined legal questions raises serious concerns over transparency and accountability within the Trump Administration by undermining OGE's authority as well as effectively intimidating federal agencies from complying with the office's request. This unprecedented interference with OGE's statutorily-required duties under federal law goes beyond politics and party, as noted by former OGE Acting Director Marilyn Glynn who characterized your letter as "challeng[ing] the very authority of the director of the agency and his ability to carry out the functions of the office" in the *New York Times*.

As Members of Congress, we are committed and bound to ensuring the American public has faith in the institutions that serve them – that includes upholding our ethics rules to keep conflicts of interest out of the highest levels of our government. To that end, we urge you to immediately comply with OGE's original request to deliver all copies of waivers issued to appointees by the original June 1 deadline. We stand ready to hold all federal agencies and executive offices accountable for ensuring compliance with all ethics requirements and rules.

Sincerely,



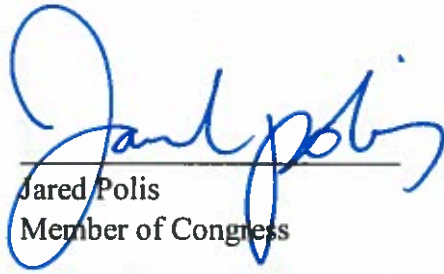
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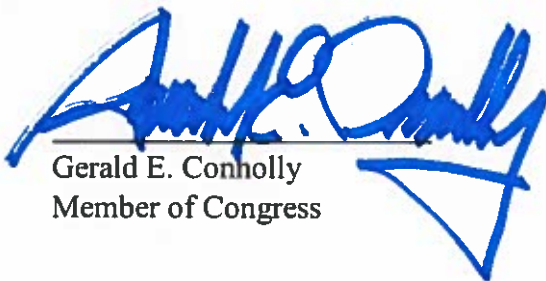
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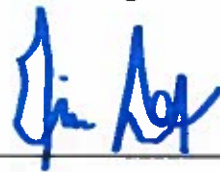
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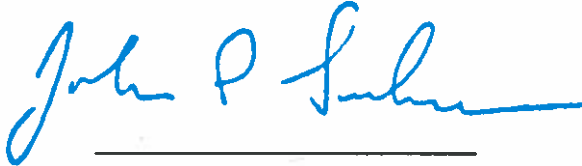
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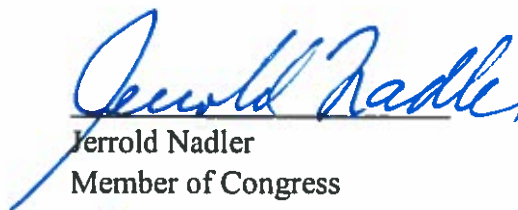
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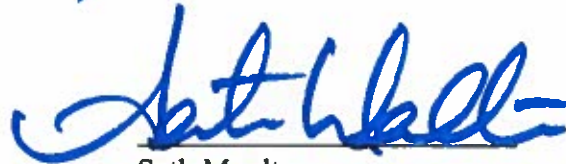
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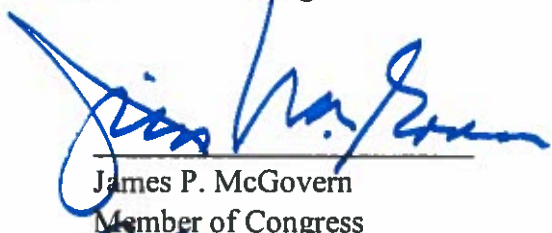
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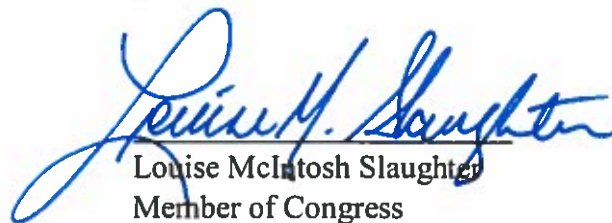
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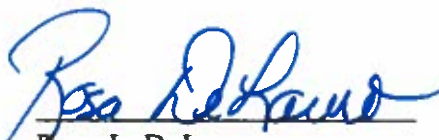
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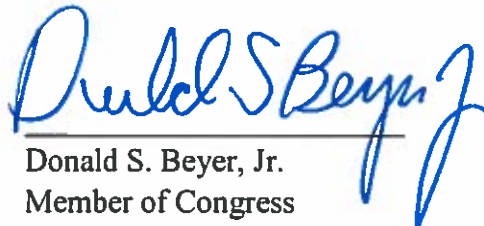
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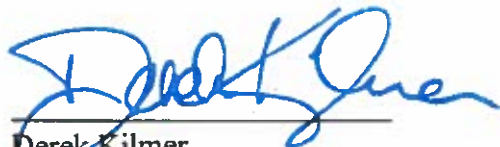
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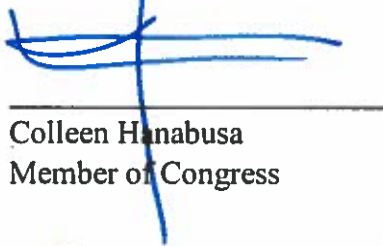
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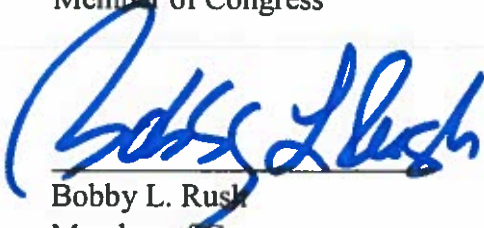
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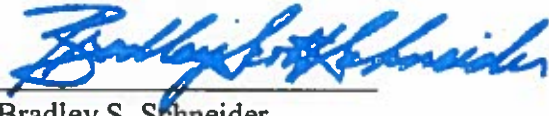
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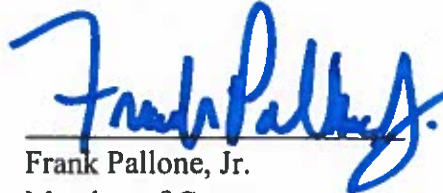
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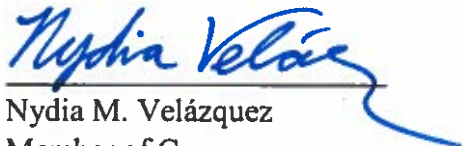
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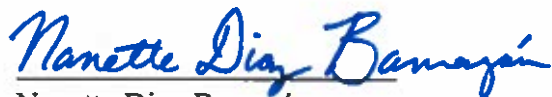
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