

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

January 17, 2007

The Honorable Charles Rangel, Chairman
Committee on Ways and Means
United State House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Rangel:

Congratulations on your ascension to Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means. We look forward to helping you advance our shared goals on the wide-range of issues that fall within your committee's jurisdiction.


As you may know, in each of our campaigns the issue of trade and the impact of the Administration's trade policy on working families, the environment, independent farmers, and businesses in our districts were critically important. Vital to our electoral successes was our ability to take a vocal stand against the Administration's misguided trade agenda, and offer our voters real, meaningful alternatives to the job-killing agreements, such as CAFTA, that the majority of our opponents supported.


As freshmen, we hope to be able to work with you and other Members of the Ways and Means Committee in crafting a new model for U.S. trade agreements that will not only reduce barriers to U.S. exports, but promote fairness and restore opportunity and sustainability for American workers, farmers, and small businesses.

It is very important that we not only reverse the troubling results of the Administration's trade agreements and trade policies, but also that we are able to deliver on the promise we made to our constituents to move our nation in a new and improved direction on trade. We hope you would consider ongoing opportunities to discuss your views on trade in the 110th Congress, with those of us who have advocated for meaningful changes in trade policymaking who do not have the honor of serving on your committee.

We thank you for your leadership and look forward to working with you in our new Democratic Majority.

Sincerely,


Betty Sutton
Member of Congress

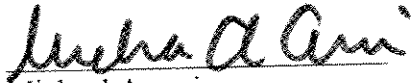

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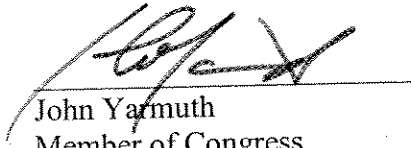
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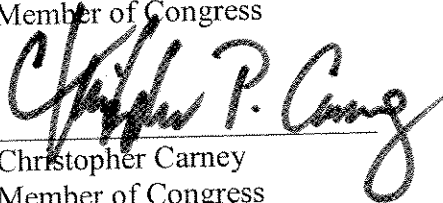
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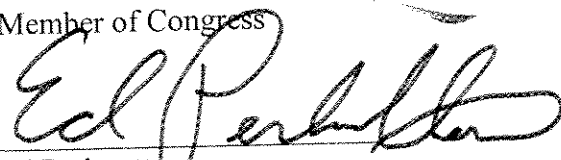
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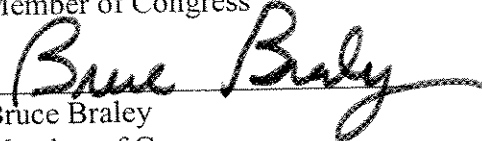
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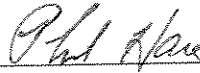
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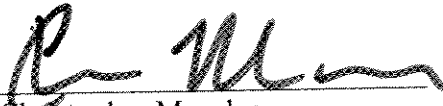
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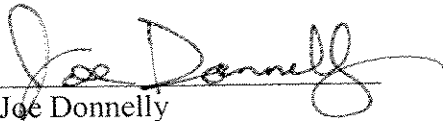
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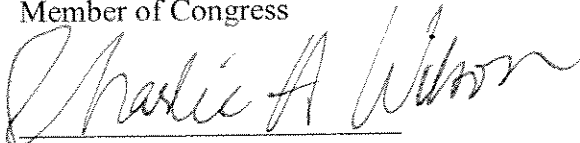
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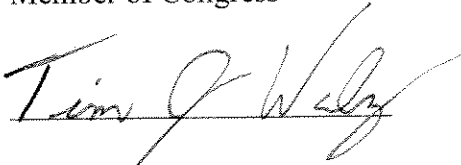
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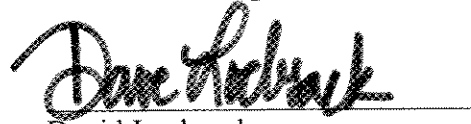




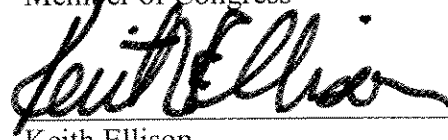




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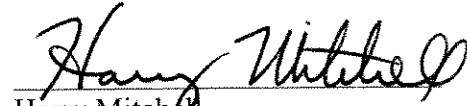
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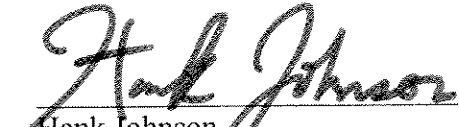
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