

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

May 18, 2011

The Honorable Tom Latham  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing  
and Urban Development, and Related  
Agencies  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable John Olver  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Transportation,  
Housing and Urban Development,  
and Related Agencies  
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Dear Chairman Latham and Ranking Member Olver:

As the House of Representatives works toward a final budget proposal for 2012, we respectfully urge you to preserve funding for one of the most effective federal programs for growing the local economy and providing a lifeline for families and communities, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

Please maintain the Fiscal Year 2010 level of \$3.984 billion in formula funding for CDBG.

CDBG is the centerpiece of the federal government's efforts to help more than 1200 cities, counties and states meet the needs of their low and moderate-income people and communities. It revitalizes communities - with proven results. CDBG helps fund a wide range of activities including housing investments, public infrastructure improvements, public services and local economic development projects where the private market is absent.

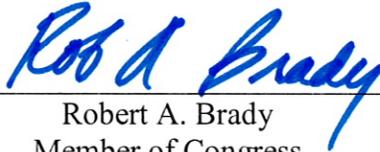
Conversely, reducing CDBG funding will severely slow down or eliminate thousands of local and state initiatives that are directly contributing to local and regional recovery. Based on the data that grantees have reported to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development over the past six years, CDBG has:

- Helped 865,874 low and moderate-income households through single-family and multi-family residential rehabilitations, homeownership assistance, energy efficient improvements and lead-based paint abatement;
- Created or retained 259,346 jobs for low and moderate-income people through a variety of economic development activities;
- Benefitted 22,998,047 low and moderate-income households through public improvement such as the development of senior centers, child care centers and centers for people with disabilities;
- Benefitted 73,863,286 low and moderate income households through public services such as employment and training services, meals and other assistance to the elderly and services for abused and neglected children.

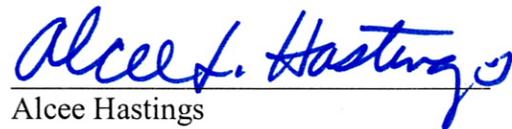
Additionally, every \$1.00 of CDBG leverages an additional \$1.62 in non-CDBG funding. This is an impressive record. CDBG makes its way into the local economy through an extensive network of local organizations. In this current economic climate, CDBG is a lifeline for families and communities.

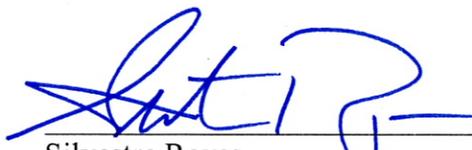
We appreciate your consideration of this important request and strongly urge you to maintain the 2010 level of support and investment in this proven program.

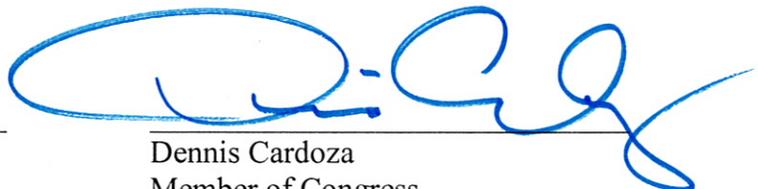
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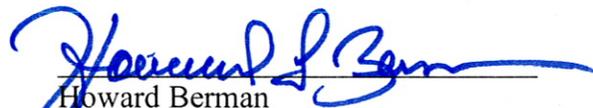
  
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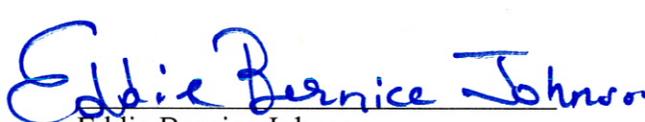
  
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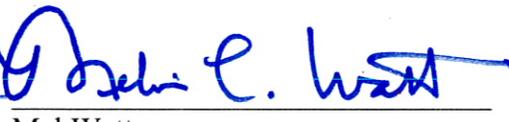
  
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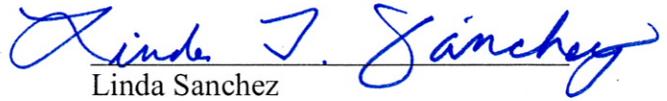
  
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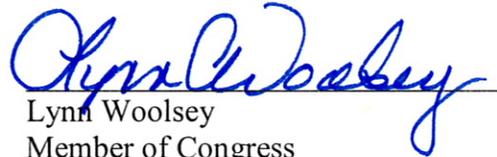
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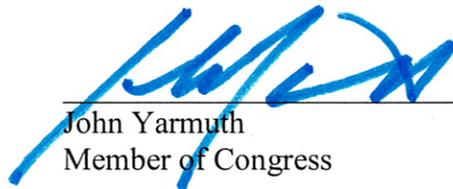
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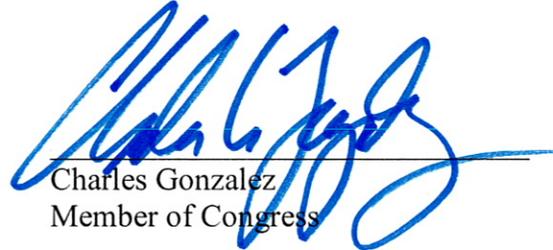
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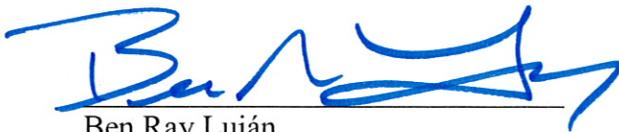
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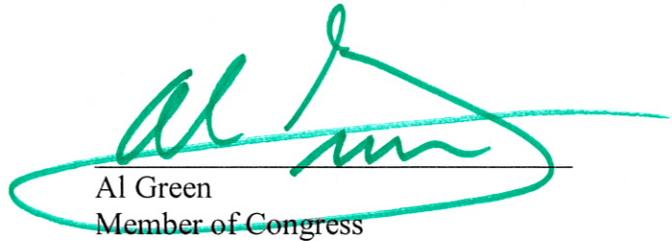


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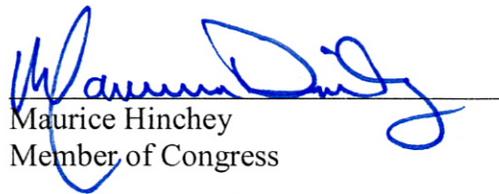
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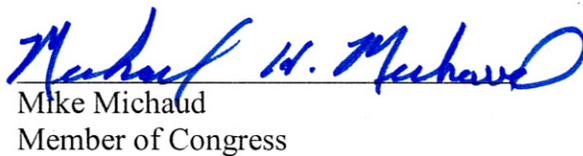
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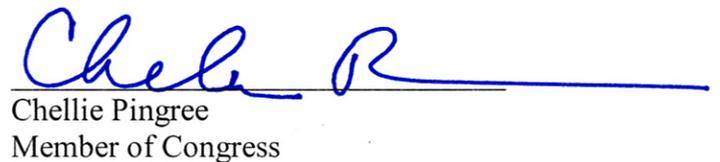
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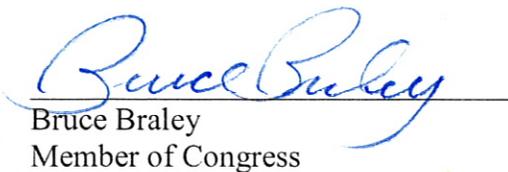
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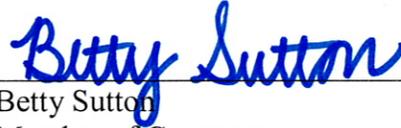
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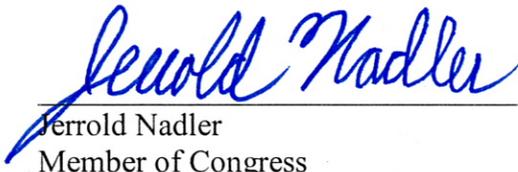
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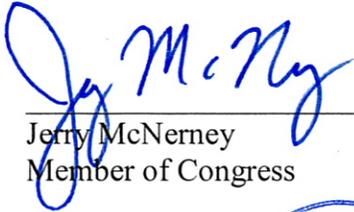
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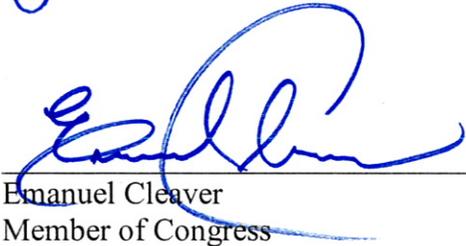
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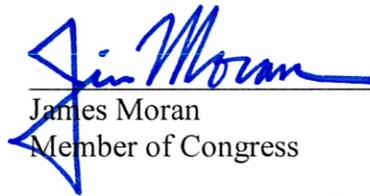
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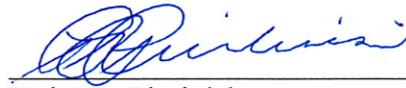
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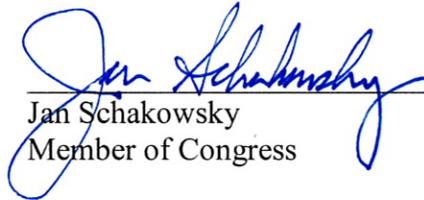
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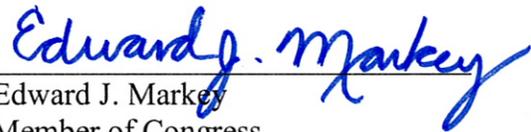
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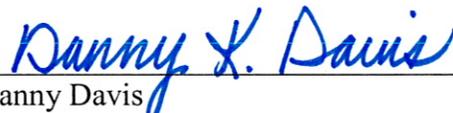
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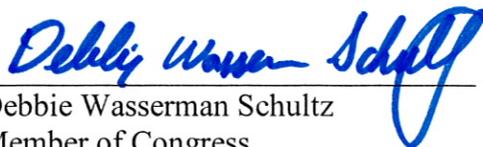
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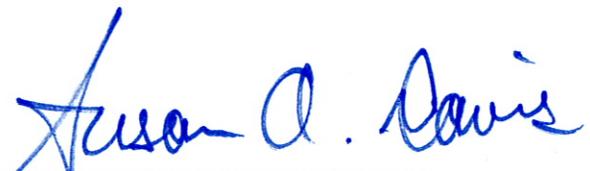
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