

# United States Senate

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November 10, 2005

The Honorable George W. Bush  
President of the United States of America  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20503

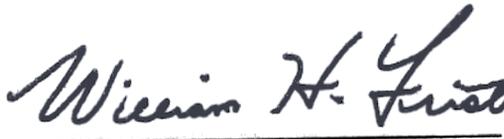
Dear Mr. President:

We hope to continue to work together on one of the top national security issues facing this nation -- border and immigration control. The resources included in the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2006 (P.L. 109-90) for border and immigration security begin a multi-year effort to gain control of our Nation's borders.

To sustain and expand this effort, substantial additional resources must be provided for each subsequent fiscal year. It is essential the budget you submit to the Congress for fiscal year 2007 include for the Department of Homeland Security: full annualization of the personnel and program increases funded for fiscal year 2006; at least 2,000 additional border patrol agents, including support positions, construction, training capacity, and associated infrastructure; a commensurate expansion of the detention and removal program, including the requisite personnel and beds to support the expansion of the Border Patrol and the Office of Investigations; resources to begin modernization of the Customs and Border Protection air and marine fleets; and for the Department of Justice: additional immigration judges, and Assistant United States Attorneys to increase prosecutions of human smugglers.

Achieving maximum border control is critical to our security and we are committed to this goal. We look forward to working with you.

  
Judd Gregg

  
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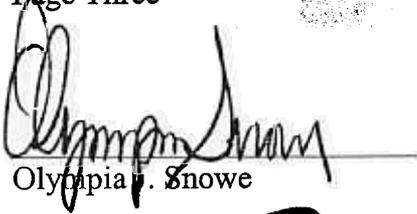
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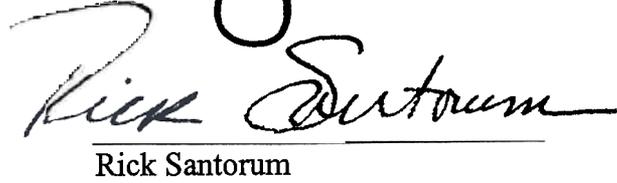
  
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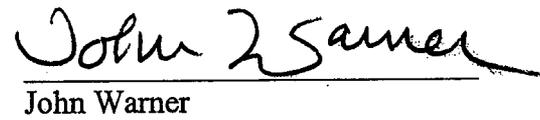
  
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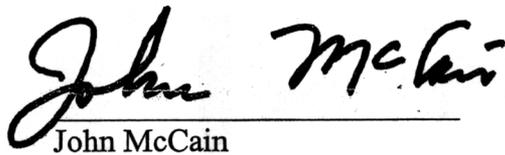
  
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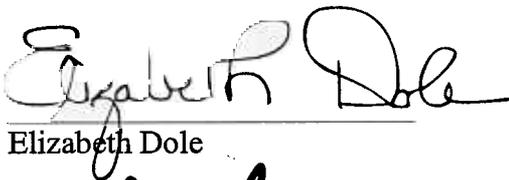
  
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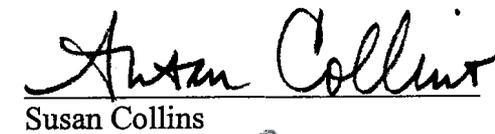
  
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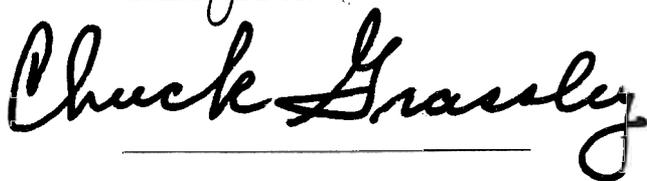
  
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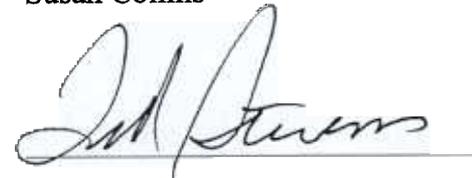
  
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