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Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20502

Dear President Trump,

As members who are interested in border security and reducing illegal immigration, we support an E-Verify employment eligibility verification program being a part of in any immigration reform package.

E-Verify protects the jobs of hardworking Americans. They should not be forgotten when immigration policy is considered.

E-Verify is the most effective deterrent to illegal immigration because it shuts off the illegal jobs magnet. The program prevents the hiring of illegal immigrants and reinforces existing immigration laws that prohibit the employment of illegal workers.

It's no surprise that E-Verify receives the most public support – 82 percent – of any proposed immigration reform.

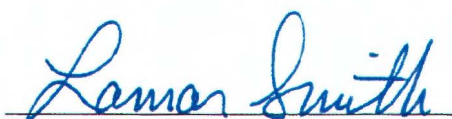
The E-Verify legislation (the *Legal Workforce Act*) approved by the House Judiciary Committee has the support of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and immigration enforcement groups. It provides employers with an efficient and workable system to verify their employees' work status.

The requirement for employers to verify their workers only applies to new employees – not existing workers. The *Legal Workforce Act* also provides employers with a "safe harbor" so they cannot be held liable for using the system in good faith. The existing voluntary program already covers one-third of the workforce and 1,500 more employers sign up for E-Verify every week.

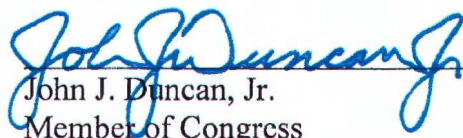
The American people want us to enforce immigration laws and to enact policies that put the interests of American workers and taxpayers first. **We would hesitate to support any immigration reform package that doesn't include requiring employers to use E-Verify.**

We look forward to working with you to make our immigration policies great again.

Sincerely,



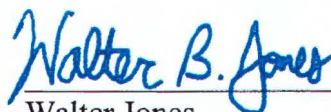
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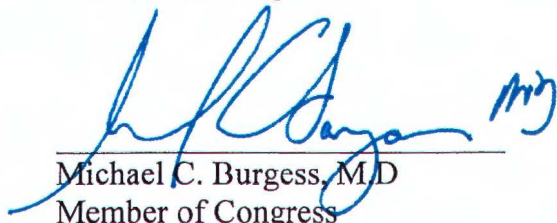
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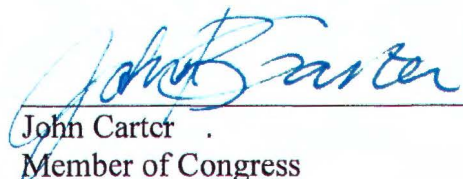
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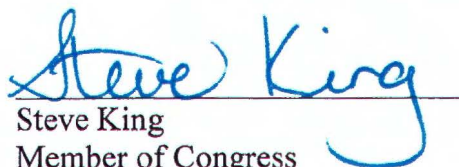
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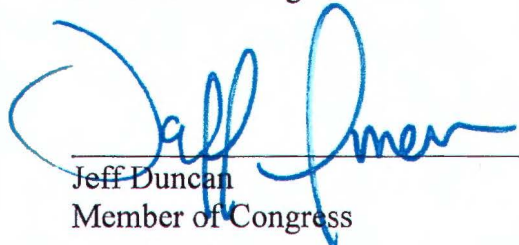
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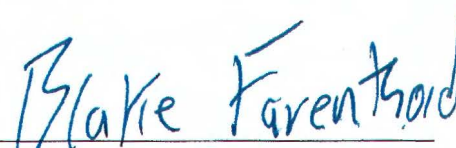
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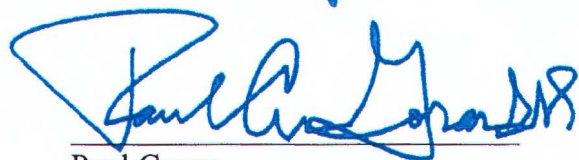
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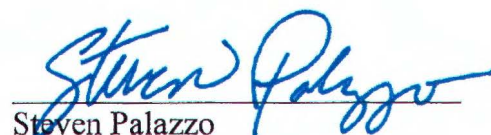
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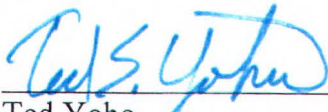
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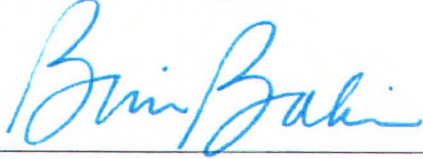
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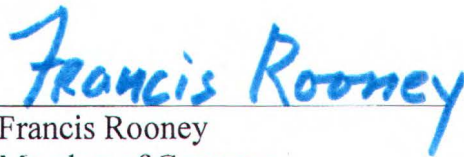
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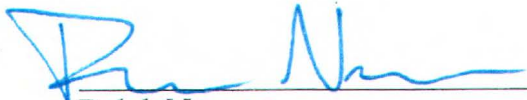
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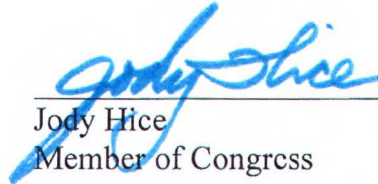
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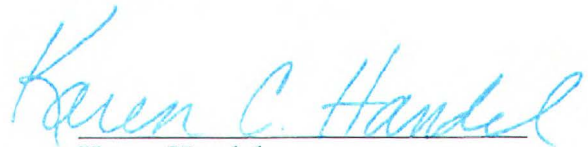
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**U.S. Citizenship
and Immigration
Services**

March 2, 2018

The Honorable Lamar Smith
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Smith:

Thank you for your January 22, 2018 letter to President Trump. The White House forwarded your letter to the Department of Homeland Security, and Secretary Nielsen asked that I respond on her behalf.

We appreciate your support of E-Verify as part of any proposed immigration reform packages. Mandatory use of E-Verify will greatly improve the Government's ability to protect the jobs of United States workers by helping to ensure that every new employee is authorized to work. I look forward to working with you on implementing E-Verify in a way that is both efficient and effective.

Thank you again for your letter and support. The co-signers of your letter will receive a separate, identical response. Should you require any additional assistance, please have your staff contact the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Office of Legislative Affairs at (202) 272-1940.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "L. Francis Cissna".

L. Francis Cissna
Director