

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

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Chairman John Kline  
Committee on Education & the Workforce  
2176 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Ranking Member Robert C. Scott  
Committee on Education & the Workforce  
2101 Rayburn House Office Building  
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Dear Chairman Kline and Ranking Member Scott:

We write to urge action on an Older Americans Act (OAA) reauthorization as soon as possible as the Education and Workforce Committee considers its hearing and markup schedule for 2016.

As you know, the Senate recently passed a much-needed reauthorization of OAA, which is the primary federal law that covers social and nutrition services for older persons and their caregivers. From meal delivery to respite care, OAA supports a wide range of social services and programs for both older individuals and their families. It also strengthens communities by improving socialization and independence for seniors.

Since it was enacted into law in 1965, millions of our most vulnerable older Americans have relied on the services provided by the OAA for their health and economic security. We hope your committee, facing a shortened legislative calendar, can take prompt action on a reauthorization that finds a balanced, pragmatic approach to helping older Americans live longer with independence and dignity in their homes and communities.

We applaud the progress the Committee has already made on this important legislation and stand ready to work with you in a bipartisan fashion to advance a bill that protects the essential suite of programs and services that assist, protect, nourish and sustain the nation's older Americans, help them maximize their choices, and promote dignity and independence in a fiscally responsible way.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



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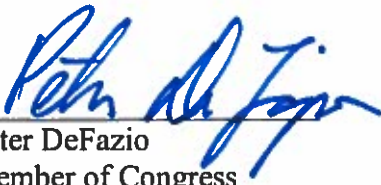
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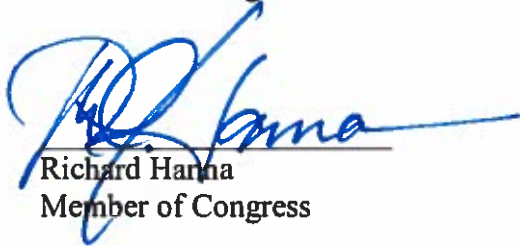
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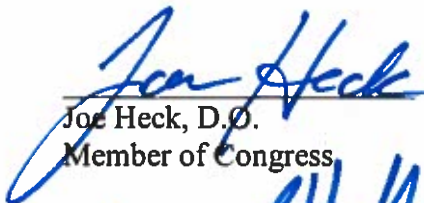
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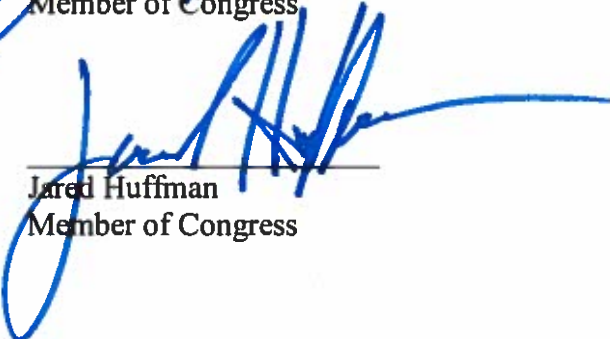
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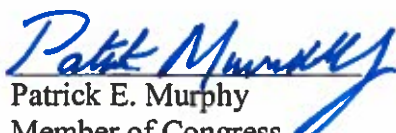
  
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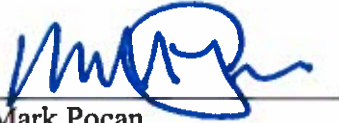
  
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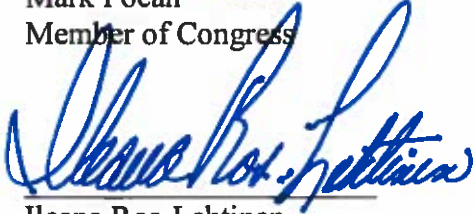
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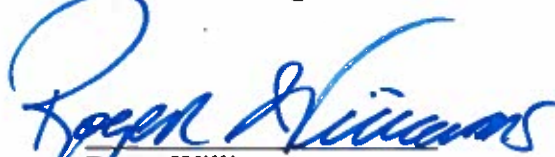
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