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**House of Representatives**

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The President  
The White House  
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing to express our outrage over recent actions taken by the City of Berkeley, California in regards to military recruiting efforts within its limits. Given these recent actions, we ask for the immediate rescission of funds appropriated to the City in the Consolidated Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2008 signed into law on December 26, 2007.

On Tuesday, January 29, 2008, the Berkeley City Council approved a recommendation defaming the U.S. Marine Corps and all of our men and women in uniform who are fighting to protect this nation and our freedom in the Global War on Terrorism. The resolution informs the U.S. Marine Corps Recruiting Station at 64 Shattuck Avenue it "is not welcome in the City, and if recruiters choose to stay, they do so as uninvited and unwelcome intruders." Secondly, the Council actively instructs the City Attorney to explore legal options to remove the recruiting station based on prohibition of discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. Finally, the Council applauds and encourages residents and private grassroots organizations, such as Code Pink, to impede the work of Marines at the Shattuck Avenue location.

Mr. President, these subversive actions diminish the rights and ability of the Marines to conduct its business during a time of war. The Council's wanton behavior puts our nation at greater risk as it threatens the ability of our military services to recruit members to build and replenish our military units currently deployed. Moreover, it denies city residents of the option to participate in the armed services, which gives millions of men and women the opportunity to further their education, expand technical skills, aid the world's poor through humanitarian efforts, and serve their country honorably at home and abroad.

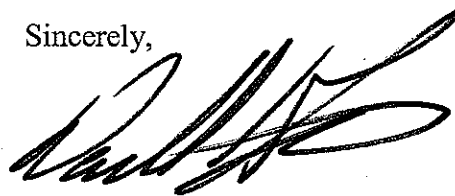
Our U.S. Marines, Air Force, Army, Navy, Coast Guard and auxiliary military services such as Reserve Officers' Training Corps and the National Guard,

do not selectively defend our country, its people, or our freedom. Therefore, we should not reward jurisdictions that selectively support our troops.

The City has moved beyond freedom of speech and expression to encouraging the interference of federal office.

In light of these developments and their consequences, we urge you to rescind appropriations granted to the City of Berkeley through the Consolidated Appropriations Act for FY 2008. If given, these earmarks would be a reward to a City that has taken actions that comprise our national security and the ability of our troops to complete their mission. Rescinding these supplementary funds would be the appropriate action to support our troops and ensure the continued stability of our armed forces.

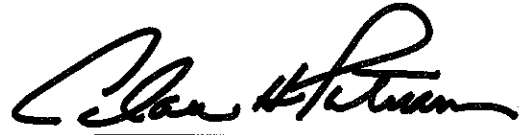
Sincerely,

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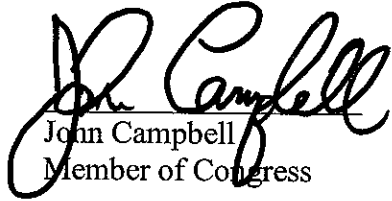
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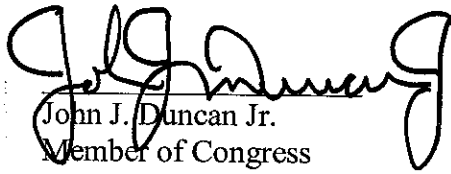
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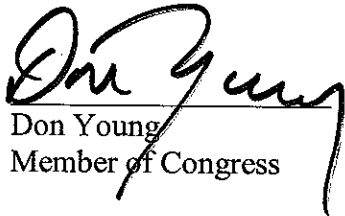
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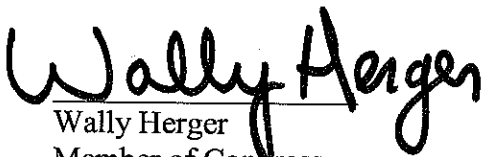
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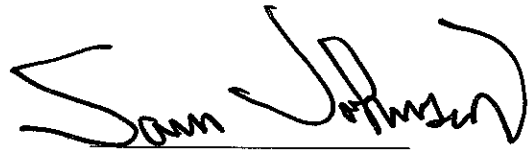
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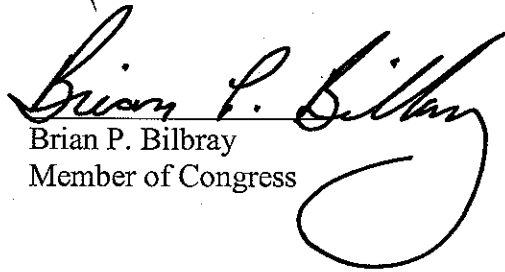
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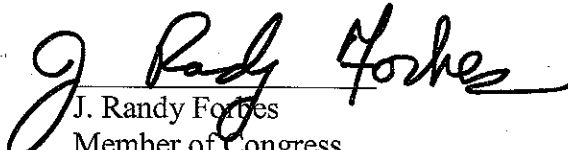
  
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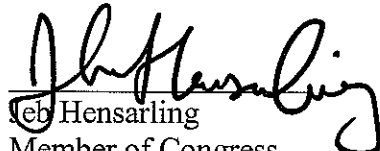
  
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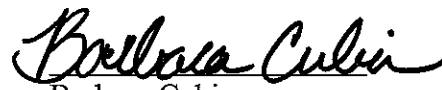
  
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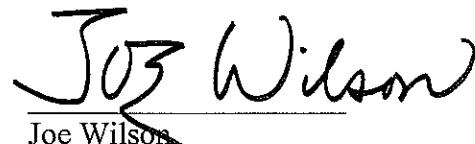
  
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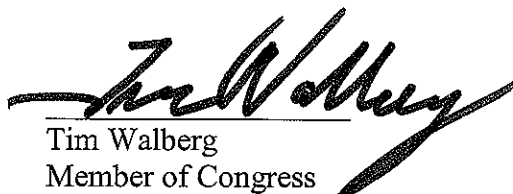
  
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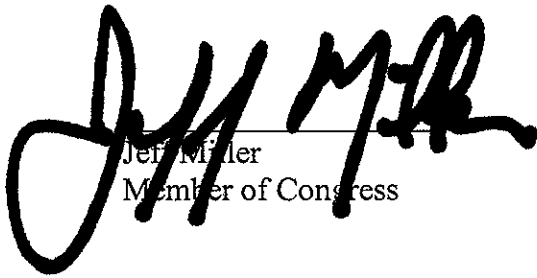
  
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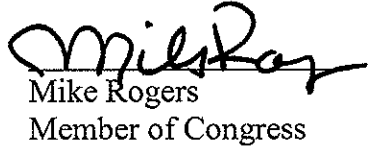
  
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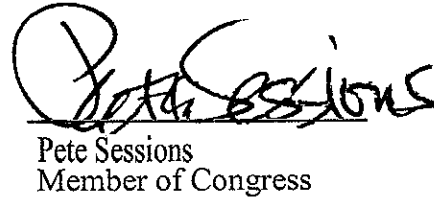
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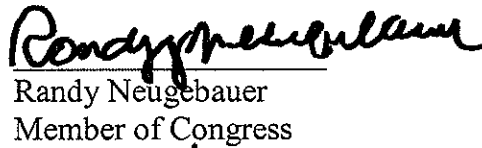
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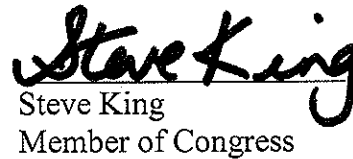
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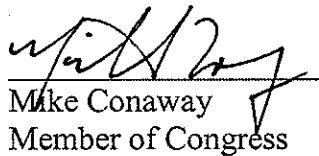
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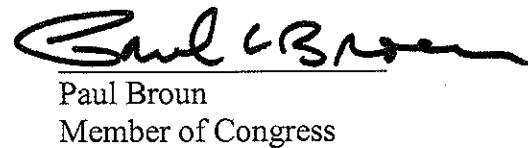
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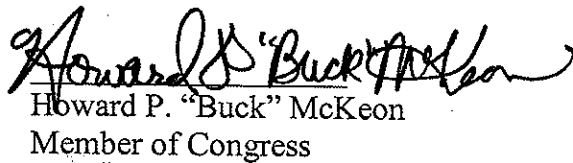
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