

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

March 30, 2017

Chairman Hal Rogers  
Subcommittee on State, Foreign operations,  
Related Programs  
House Committee on Appropriations  
House Room HT 2, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Ranking Member Nita Lowey  
Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and  
and Related Programs  
House Committee on Appropriations  
1016 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Rogers and Ranking Member Lowey:

We are writing to express our strong support for the Green Climate Fund (GCF). As you develop the Fiscal Year 2018 (FY18) appropriations bill, we respectfully request your support of \$750 million for the GCF.

The GCF is a critical tool for the multinational effort to address climate change, and funding will be used to invest in resilient and low-emission development around the world. U.S. support for the GCF is absolutely critical to the fund's success and ensuring that developing nations are engaged in addressing our climate challenges.

Although established under auspices of the United Nations (UN), the GCF is an independent institution, governed by an independent board, and through an independent Secretariat. It is not part of the UN system, is not staffed by the UN, and does not receive money from the UN.

The threats of climate change to the world's least developed countries are grounded in sound, peer-reviewed science by the world's top experts, and therefore need to be taken seriously. The GCF will invest in sustainable development in some of the most vulnerable countries, complementing existing efforts to alleviate poverty and promote global health, stability and democracy. After all, the Department of Defense, along with various members of the national security community, has called climate change a "threat multiplier." The 2015 U.S. National Security Strategy elaborated by explaining that climate change is "an urgent and growing threat to our national security, contributing to increased natural disasters, refugee flows, and conflicts over basic resources like food and water." Through the GCF we have the potential to minimize future national security threats that will be exacerbated by climate change.

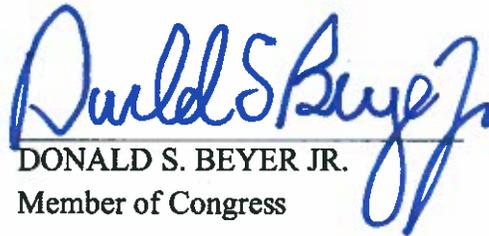
We agree that climate change is not a problem that the U.S. can tackle alone. Demonstrating strong support for the GCF will help protect our nation's interests and ensure every country does its fair share.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



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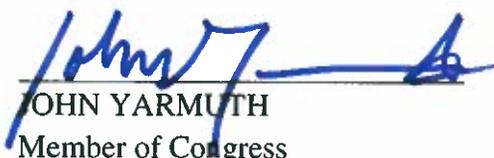
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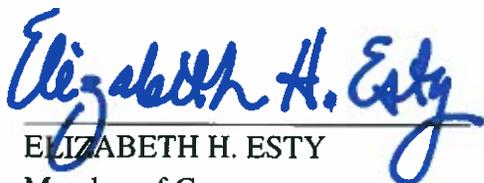
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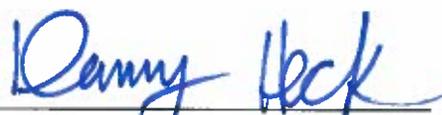
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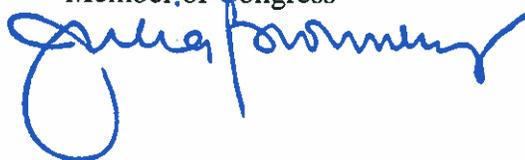
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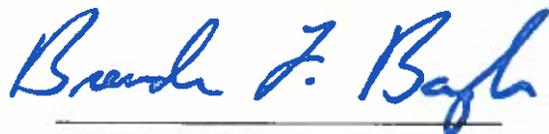
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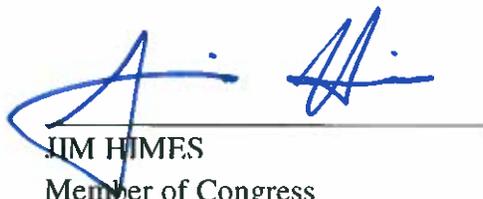
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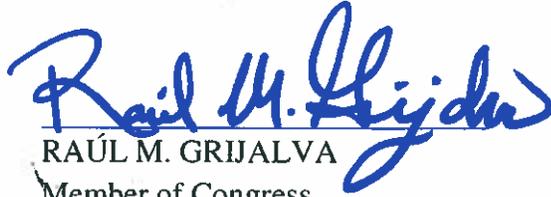
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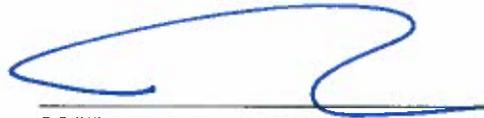
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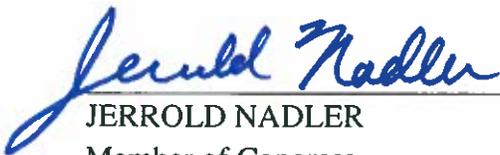
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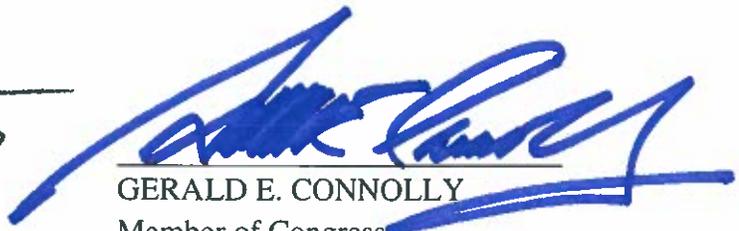
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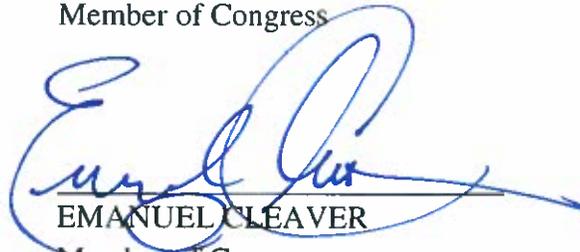
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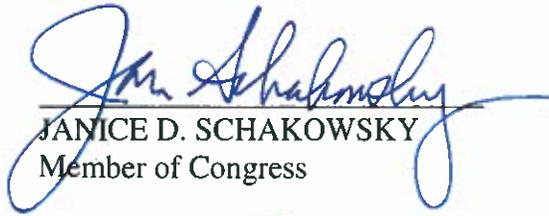
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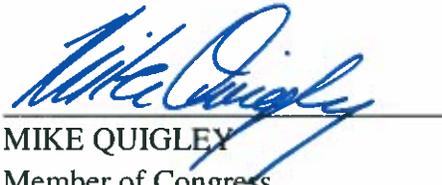
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