Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

January 6, 2017

The Honorable Reginald Jones-Sawyer
Co-Chair, Special Committee on the Office
of the Attorney General
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Mark Stone
Co-Chair, Special Committee on the Office
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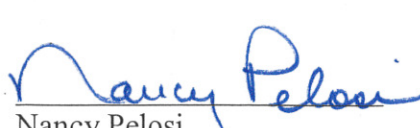State Capitol
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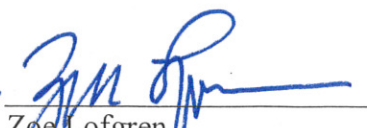
Dear Chairmen Jones-Sawyer and Stone,

We, the undersigned members of the California Democratic Congressional Delegation, write in strong support of Governor Brown's appointment of Congressman Xavier Becerra as California Attorney General. Congressman Becerra is greatly respected in Congress for his intellect and leadership in the House Democratic Caucus. He has a strong legal background, having previously served as Deputy Attorney General with the California Department of Justice, and a deep understanding of the most pressing issues our next Attorney General will face. There could not be a stronger candidate than Mr. Becerra to continue the great work of now United States Senator Kamala Harris.
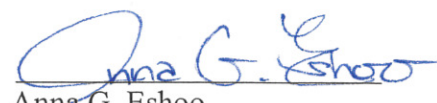
As we prepare for the swearing in of President Donald Trump, California must have an Attorney General who is prepared on day one to protect our environment, stand up for immigrants, and protect the Affordable Care Act. Congressman Becerra has a proven track record of fighting for Californians during his 12 terms in Congress. As a senior member of the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Ranking Member of the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Social Security, he has fought to increase opportunities for working families and improved Social Security for women and minorities. During his tenure as Vice Chair of the House Democratic Caucus, he was a passionate voice for comprehensive immigration reform and a strong advocate for the Affordable Care Act, providing millions of Californians with affordable health insurance.
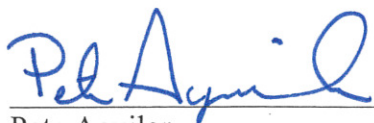
While he will be greatly missed in our Delegation, we look forward to working closely with Congressman Becerra in his new role, and are confident that he will use his new role to protect Californians and advance the best interests of every Californian. We strongly urge you to approve his confirmation. Thank you for your consideration of our views on this important matter.

Sincerely,

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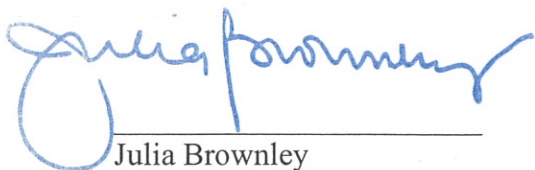Member of Congress

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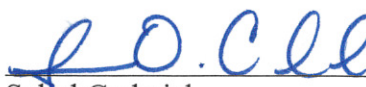Member of Congress

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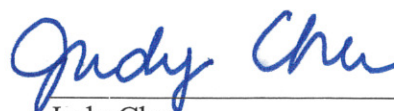
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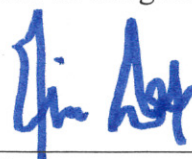
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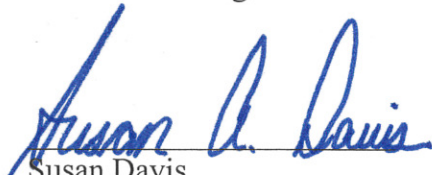
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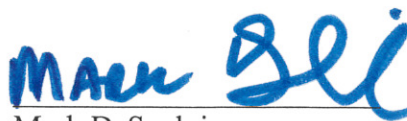Member of Congress

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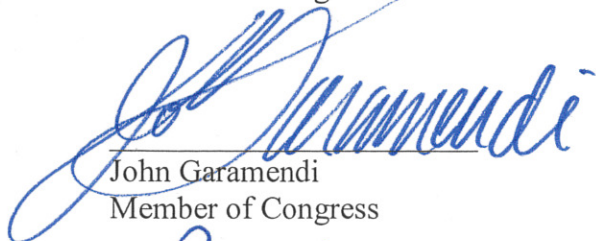Member of Congress

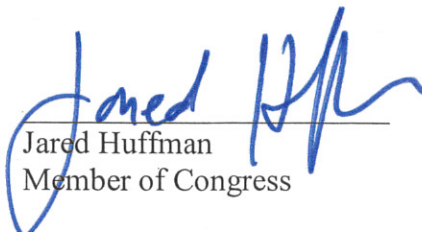Lou Correa
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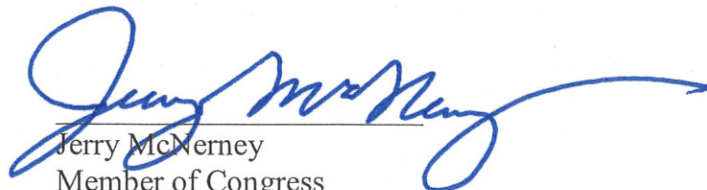Member of Congress

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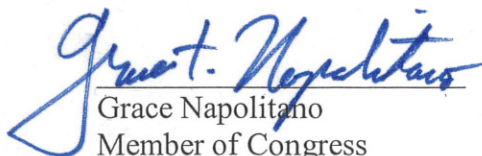Member of Congress

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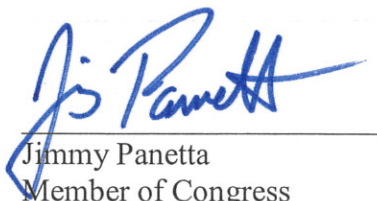Member of Congress

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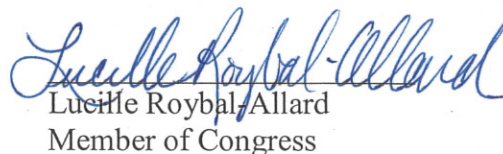Jerry McNerney
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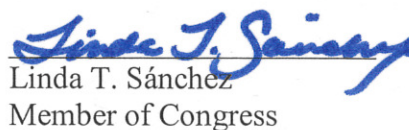Jimmy Panetta
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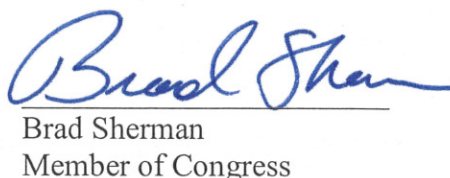
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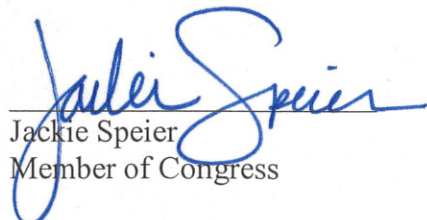Member of Congress

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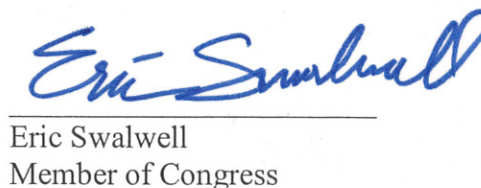Member of Congress

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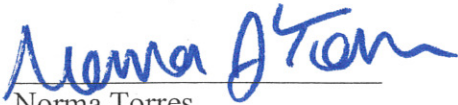Jackie Speier
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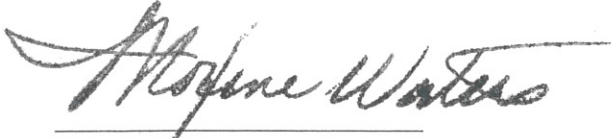
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