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Dear Mr. Speaker and Chairmen,

The Republican House showed leadership by passing the Repealing the Job-Killing Health Care Law Act (H.R. 2) and instructing the committees of jurisdiction to deliberate upon—and report to the House as directed in H.Res. 9—recommendations to improve the cost of, quality of, and access to health care for all Americans. Now, the hard work of legislating effective health care reform begins.

There is no question that America's health care financing system needs reform. What is equally clear is that Obamacare's prescription for addressing this challenge is fundamentally wrong. Its federal mandates on insurers, private industry, the States, and individuals represent the largest expansion of federal power experienced in our country in decades. The individual mandate, the employer mandate, the States' mandatory Medicaid expansion, and the medical loss ratio for insurers are just some of the egregious examples illustrating its unprecedented advance against Americans' liberty.

While the committees might be inclined to report proposals that mandate popular reform measures, we ask that they refrain from doing so. House Republicans should not mimic the top-down approach to governing that Obamacare delivered. There exist market-based health care reforms that will dramatically improve the health care financing landscape and open up to more Americans better and more affordable health care services, and we would like to assist in drafting legislation to incorporate these sensible reforms.

In sum, and in order to foster free enterprise in America, we respectfully urge the committees of jurisdiction not to include any mandates in any health care reform legislation.

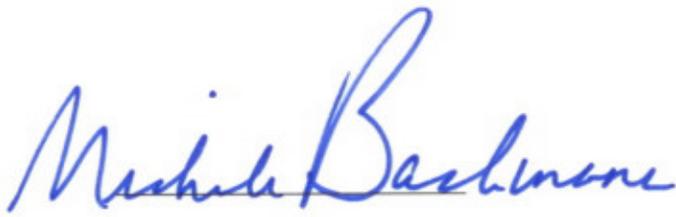
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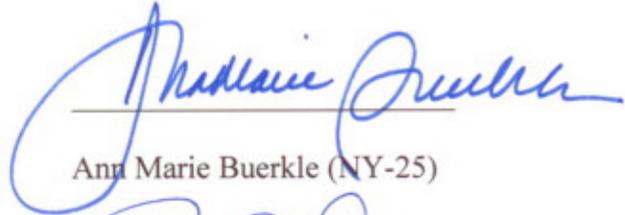
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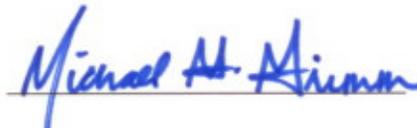
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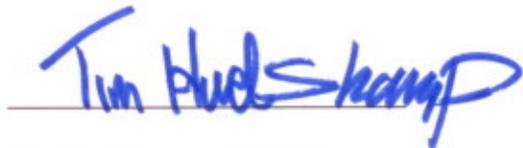
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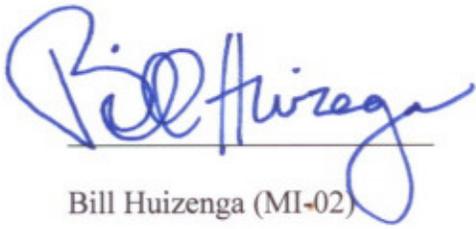
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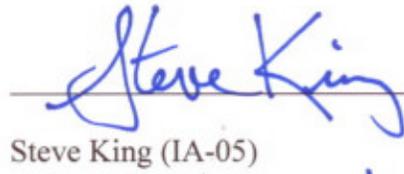
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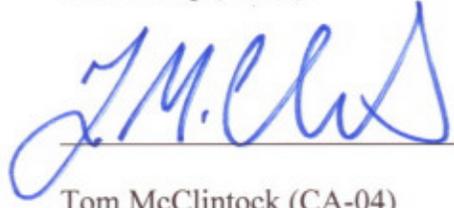
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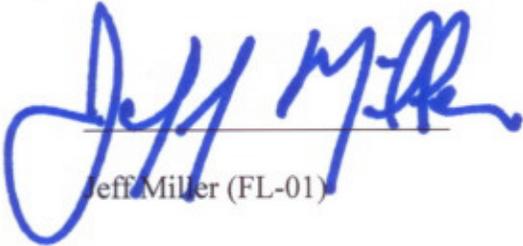
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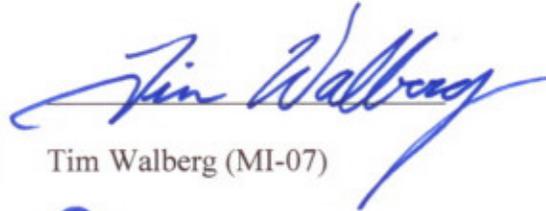
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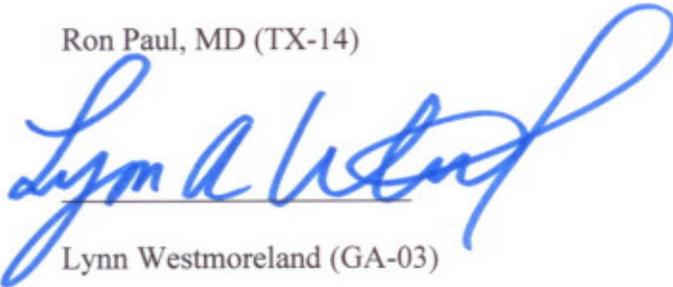
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