

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

November 21, 2025

The Honorable John Thune
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Leader Thune:

We write to demand that the Senate immediately take up the House-passed bill repealing the corrupt provision you quietly inserted into last week's government funding legislation, effectively legalizing a taxpayer-funded payoff to eight Republican senators.

Americans are tired of watching politicians come to Washington to get rich while everyday Americans face skyrocketing costs and struggle to make ends meet. Your provision, slipped into the bill in the dead of night, would funnel millions of public dollars into the pockets of Republican senators who may have had knowledge of, or even played a part in, President Trump's efforts to overturn the 2020 presidential election—including the violent January 6, 2021, attack on this institution.

Subpoenas for phone records are among the most routine investigatory tools used by law enforcement. If you believe the law provides inadequate protections for Americans' civil liberties, then you are well-positioned to convene hearings, draft legislation, propose changes to the law, and debate them publicly. Instead, you chose to carve out special protections for eight of your Republican colleagues. This is a textbook example of why Americans' confidence in government continues to erode.

This is not a theoretical exercise intended to deter future misconduct at the Department of Justice. Recently, Senator Lindsey Graham said he intends to sue the American taxpayer for "tens of millions of dollars."¹ This is completely unacceptable.

Adding this provision to what was supposedly a "clean" funding bill was wrong. Rarely in life do we get a second chance to do the right thing. The House has now given you such an opportunity. We urge you, in the strongest possible terms, to take it.

Sincerely,

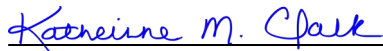


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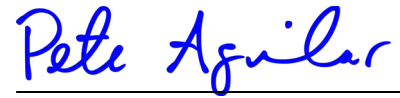


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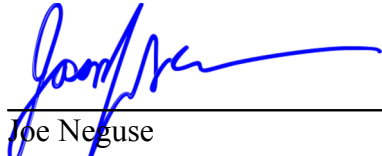
¹ Sen. Lindsey Graham, *Interview with Sean Hannity*, Hannity (Fox News Nov. 18, 2025, 8:30 p.m. ET)



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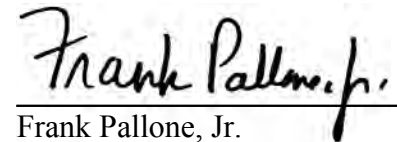
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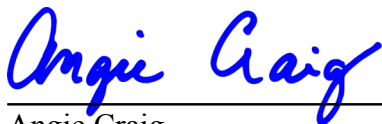
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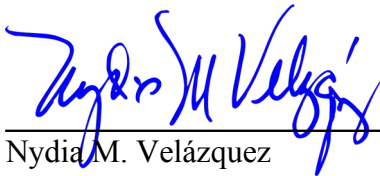
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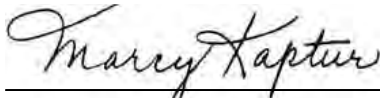
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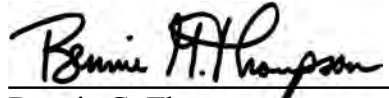
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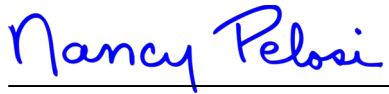
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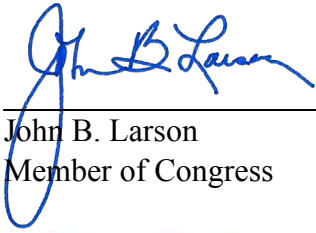
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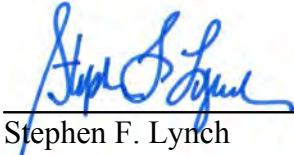
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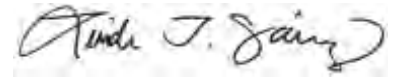
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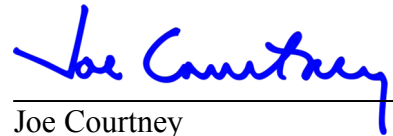
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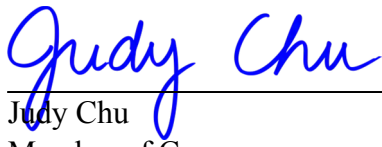
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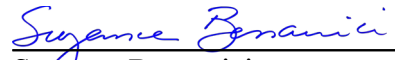
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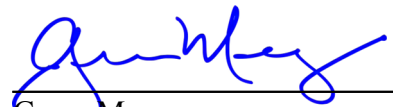
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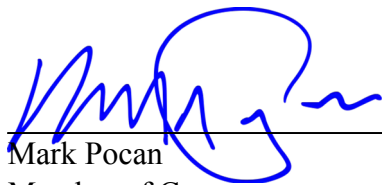
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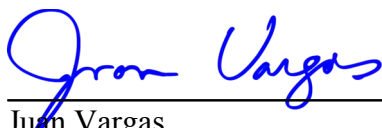
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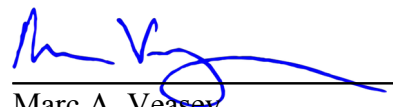
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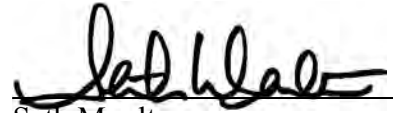
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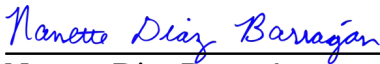
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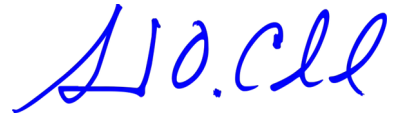
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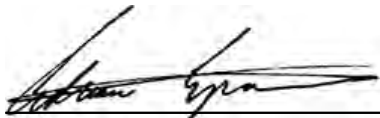
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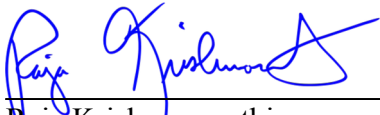
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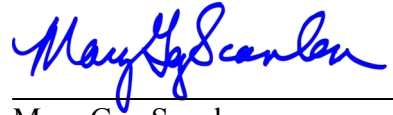
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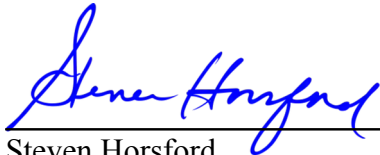
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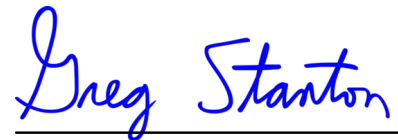
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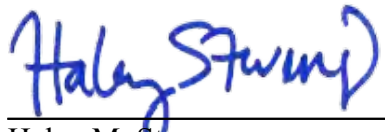
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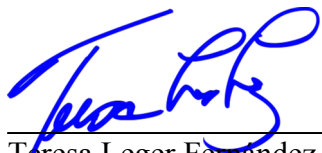
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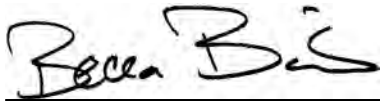
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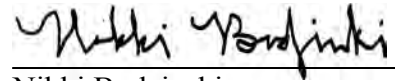
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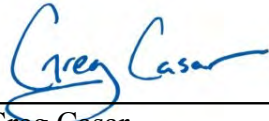
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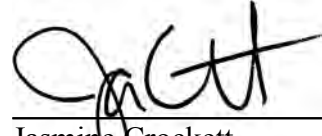
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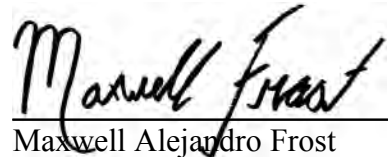
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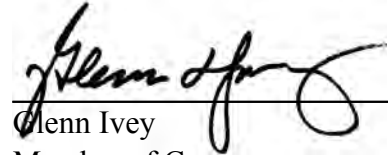
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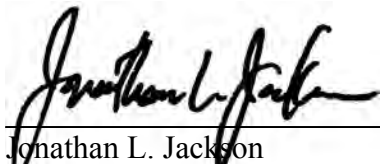
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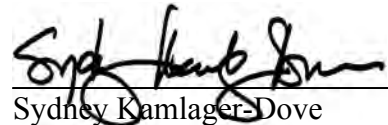
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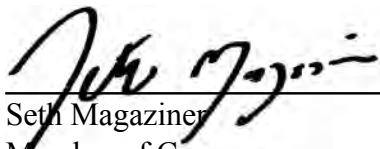
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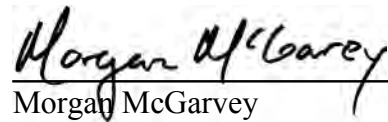
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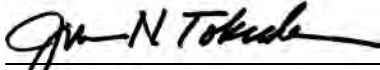
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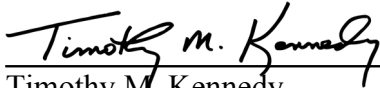
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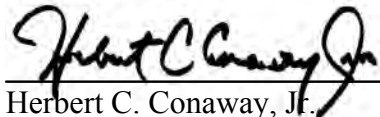
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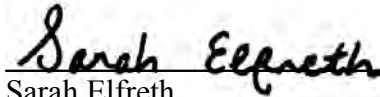
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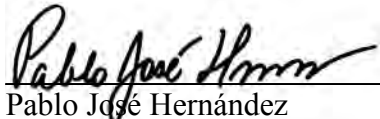
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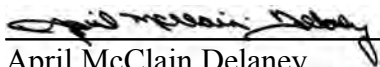
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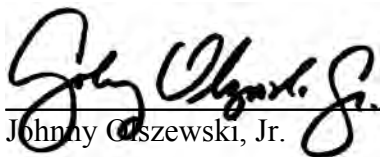
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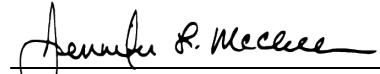
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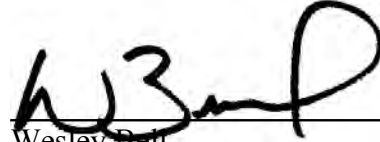
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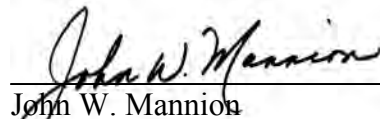
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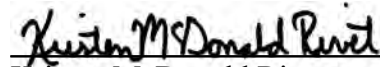
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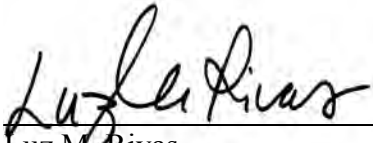
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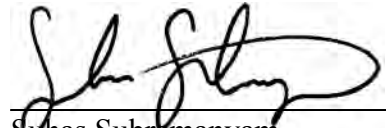
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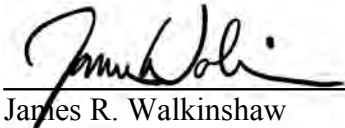
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