

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

September 18, 2014

The Honorable John A. Boehner
Speaker of the House
H-232 U.S. Capitol Building
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Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Minority Leader
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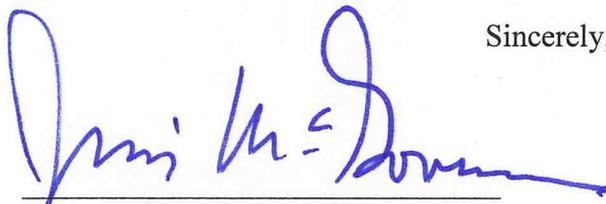
Dear Speaker Boehner and Minority Leader Pelosi,

We respectfully ask that you bring an authorization regarding U.S. military operations in Iraq, and if necessary, Syria, before the House for consideration when the Congress reconvenes in November.

We believe the terms of the July 25th concurrent resolution approved by the House have been met and that U.S. Armed Forces are engaged in sustained combat operations in Iraq, and there is an increasing bipartisan recognition that the time has come to take up and debate an authorization regarding U.S. military operations in Iraq. We encourage you to inform the members of the House when such a debate will occur and to direct the appropriate committees of jurisdiction to consult with the Administration on the scope of such an authorization.

We believe such a debate and vote is required, will enhance our national security and the ability of Congress and the Executive to carry out U.S. foreign and defense policies abroad, will better safeguard our homeland, and will uphold the Constitutional and institutional responsibilities of the U.S. House of Representatives.

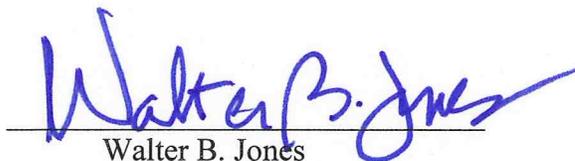
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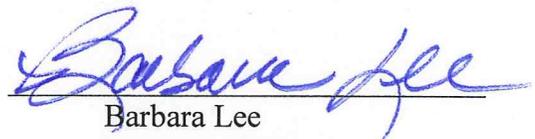
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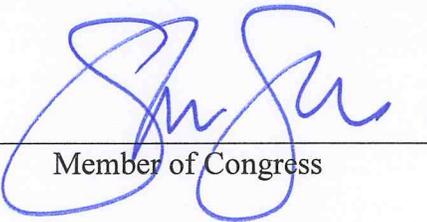
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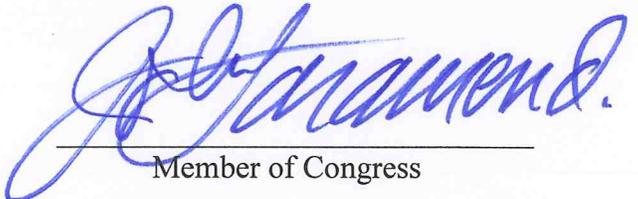


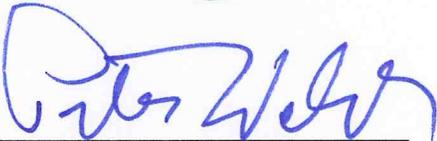
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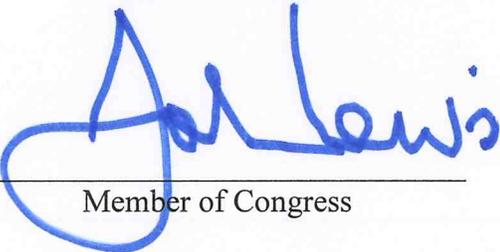
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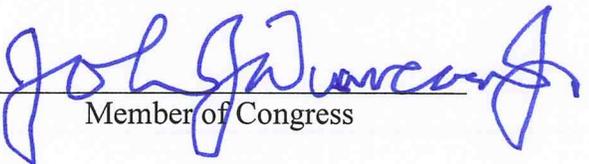
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cc: Kevin McCarthy, Majority Leader
Steny H. Hoyer, Minority Whip

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