Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

November 2, 2011

The Honorable Jeb Hensarling
Co-Chair, Joint Select Committee on
Deficit Reduction
129 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Patty Murray
Co-Chair, Joint Select Committee on
Deficit Reduction
448 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Congressman Hensarling, Senator Murray, and Members of the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction,

We write to you as a bipartisan group of representatives from across the political spectrum in the belief that the success of your committee is vital to our country's future. We know that many in Washington and around the country do not believe we in the Congress and those within your committee can successfully meet this challenge. We believe that we can and we must.

To succeed, all options for mandatory and discretionary spending and revenues must be on the table. In addition, we know from other bipartisan frameworks that a target of some $4 trillion in deficit reduction is necessary to stabilize our debt as a share of the economy and assure America's fiscal well-being.

Our country needs our honest, bipartisan judgment and our political courage. Your committee has been given a unique opportunity and authority to act. We are prepared to support you in this effort.

Sincerely,

cc: The Honorable Max Baucus
The Honorable John Kerry
The Honorable John Kyl
The Honorable Rob Portman
The Honorable Pat Toomey
The Honorable Xavier Becerra
The Honorable Dave Camp
The Honorable James Clyburn
The Honorable Fred Upton
The Honorable Chris Van Hollen

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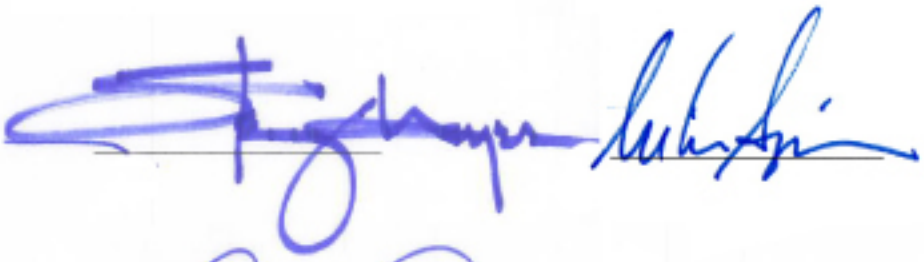

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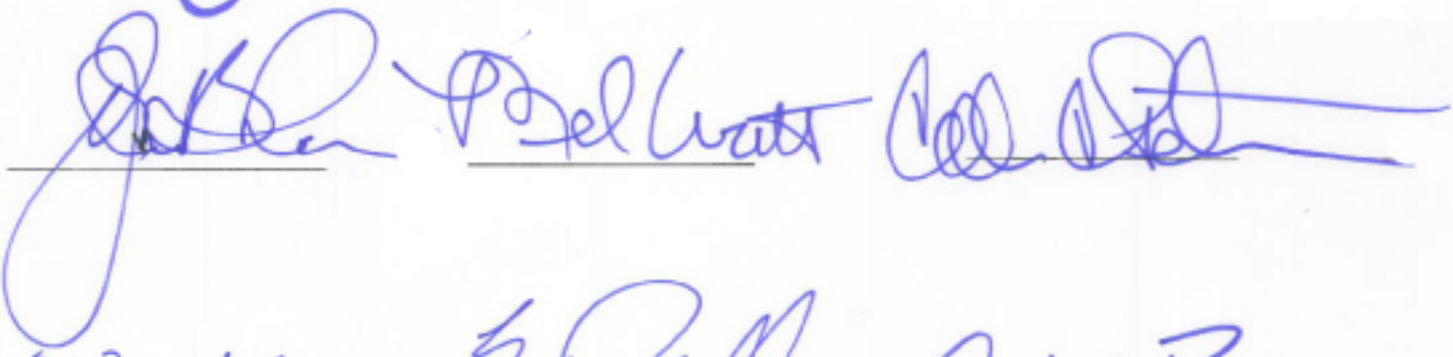

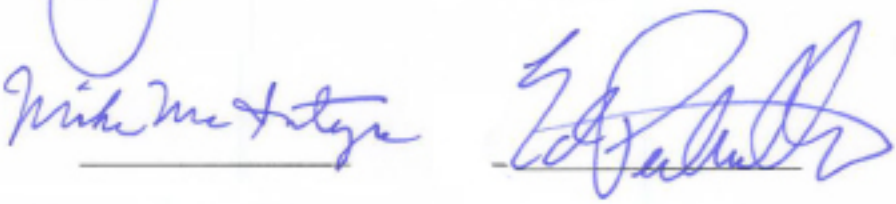

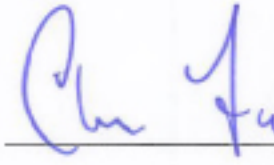

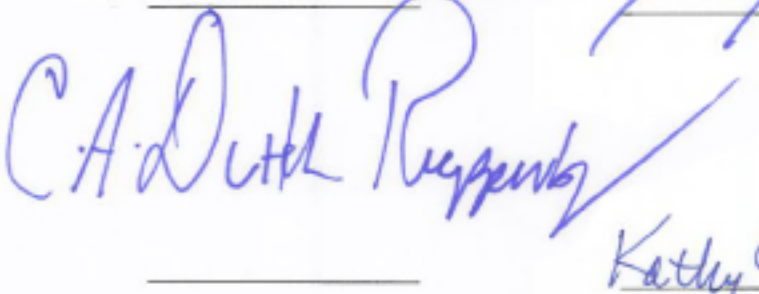

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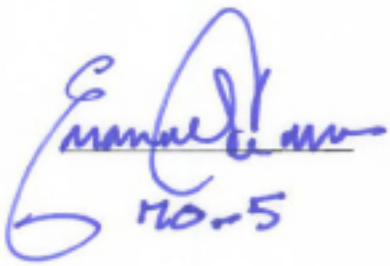

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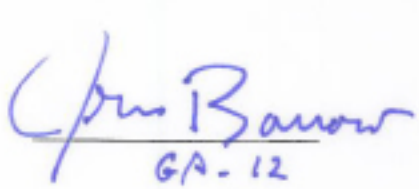

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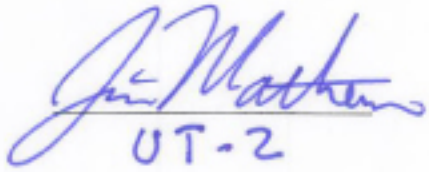

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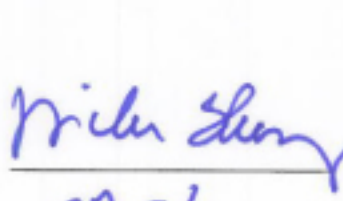

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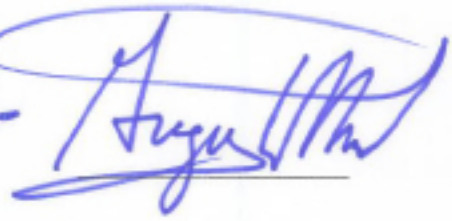

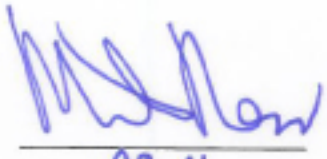

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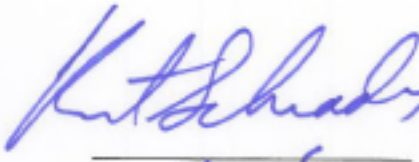

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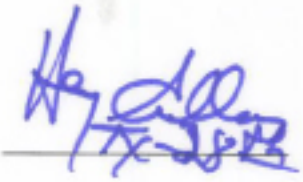

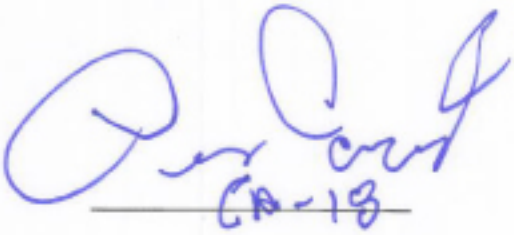

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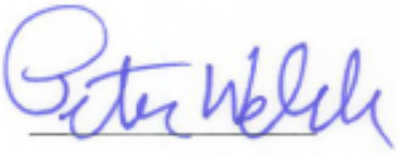

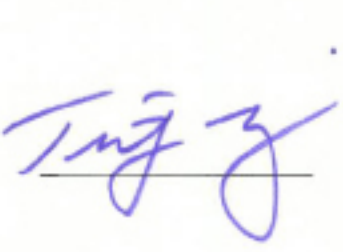

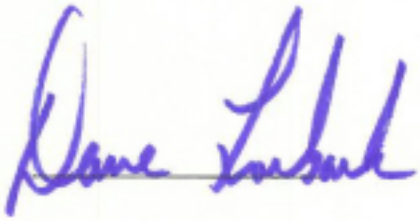

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