

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

March 23, 2016

The Honorable John Carter  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Homeland Security  
U.S. House Committee on Appropriations  
B-307 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Lucille Roybal-Allard  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Homeland Security  
U.S. House Committee on Appropriations  
B-307 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Carter & Ranking Member Roybal-Allard,

We write to strongly urge you to include language in the FY17 Homeland Security appropriations bill that would apply much-needed enhanced security measures to America's refugee resettlement program.

On November 19, 2015, the House voted overwhelmingly (289-137) to pass H.R. 4038, the *American Security Against Foreign Enemies Act*, to approve enhanced screening for refugees from Syria, a hotbed of terrorism and the Islamic State (ISIS) in particular. We voted for this bill because we understand the vulnerabilities inherent in our current refugee program.

These gaps in national security have been affirmed by the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), and the Director of National Intelligence (DNI). ISIS has promised to take advantage of these security gaps and exploit the refugee crisis to infiltrate Europe and the United States. We should not and cannot allow this vulnerability to continue on our watch and to be paid for under an appropriations bill that Congress approves.

We respectfully request that provisions are included in this bill to ensure that those refugees considered for refugee resettlement in the United State who come from hotbeds of terrorism (Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Syria, or Yemen) not be resettled in the United States if they have not been subjected to enhanced security screening.

Specifically, we ask that the FY17 Homeland Security appropriations bill include the following general provision:

*"None of the funds in this Act may be used to grant admission to the United States under Section 207 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to any applicant from Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Syria, or Yemen, except for those applicants certified by the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Secretary of Homeland Security, and the Director of National Intelligence as not posing a threat to the security of the United States."*

Thank you for your consideration of this request. We look forward to working with you to ensure that these vulnerabilities are addressed and that Congress can use our power of the purse to ensure the safety and security of the American people.

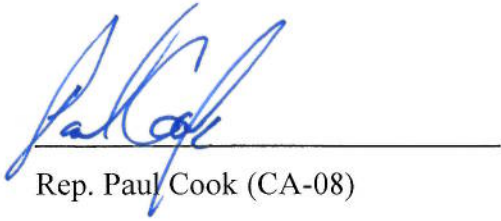
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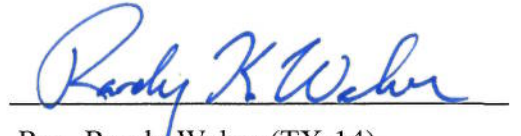
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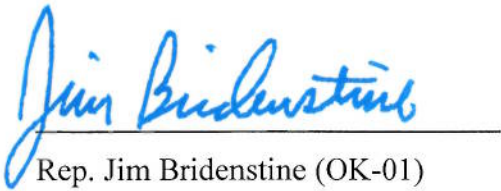
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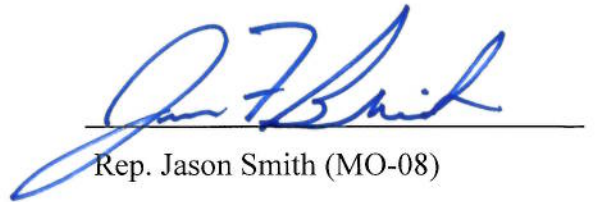
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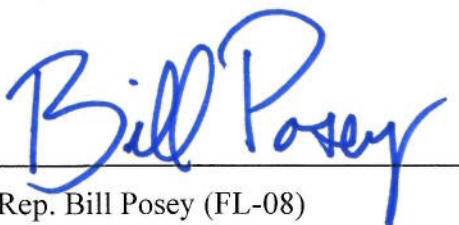
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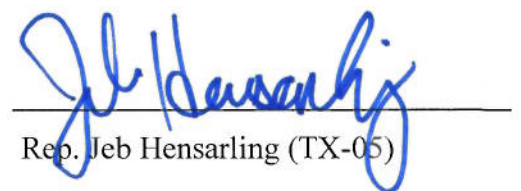
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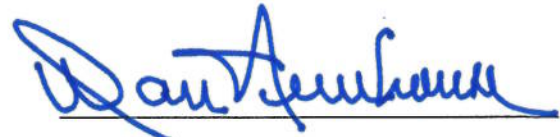
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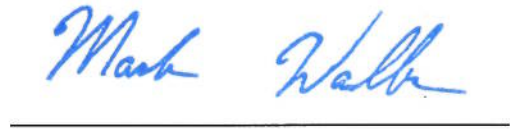
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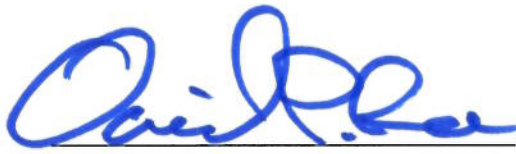
  
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