

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

October 5, 2013

The Honorable Harry Reid
Office of the Majority Leader
S-221, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Leader Reid:

As the women of the House Republican Conference, we are not only elected members of Congress, but we are mothers, wives, grandmothers. We are health care professionals. We are teachers. We are small business owners and attorneys. We have had different experiences and come from varied regions of the nation. Yet, we all agree that the health and well being of our nation's women and children is a priority.

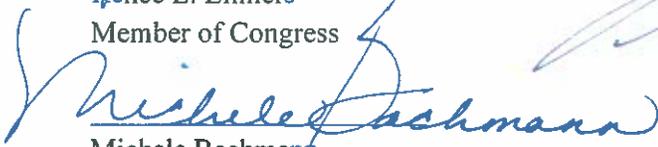
Right now, two hundred children each week benefit from critical lifesaving research at the National Institutes of Health. More than eight million women and children rely on the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children program for nutritious food. Fifty seven thousand youngsters attend Head Start. And, twelve hundred school districts rely on impact aid to continue educating future generations.

We all recognize that our nation has many needs, but there is no need as great as protecting our most vulnerable populations. So, as we work to come to the table to find common ground to solve our nation's problems, these populations should not suffer. On Thursday, the House passed H.J.Res. 73, the Research for Lifesaving Cures Act, on a bipartisan basis. Yesterday, the House passed H.J.Res. 75, the Nutrition Assistance for Low-Income Women and Children Act. Next week, we will consider H.J.Res. 84, the Head Start for Low-Income Children Act and H.J.Res. 83, the Impact Aid for Local Schools Act.

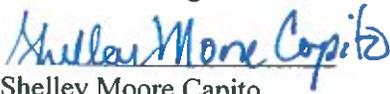
We urge you to take a reasonable approach and allow a vote on these bills in the U.S. Senate as soon as possible because our most vulnerable populations should not suffer while we wait for you to come to the negotiating table. It is our responsibility as elected representatives of hardworking Americans to have the dialogue about solutions to our nation's fiscal problems before it causes any more pain.

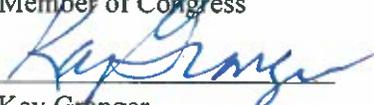
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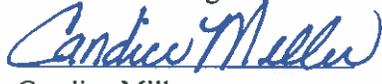

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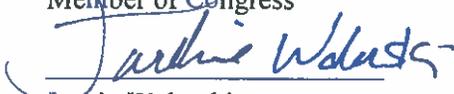

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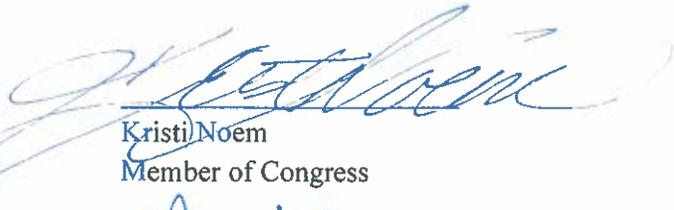

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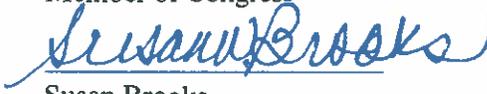

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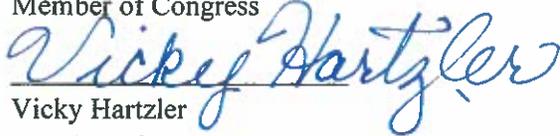

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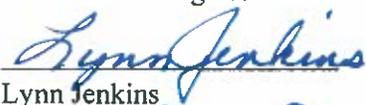

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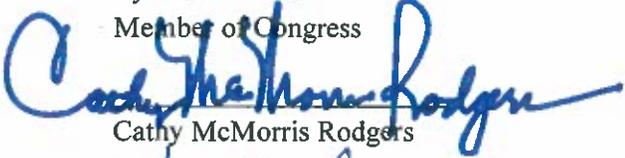

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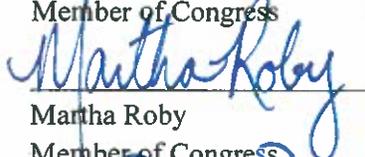

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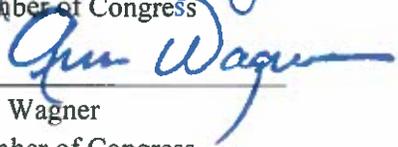

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