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Washington, DC 20510

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Chair Rosa DeLauro
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Ranking Member Kay Granger
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Rosa DeLauro and Ranking Member Kay Granger,

We write to thank you for your continued support of the U.S.-Israel relationship and the annual \$3.3 billion in Foreign Military Financing and \$500 million for cooperative programs for missile defense pursuant to the U.S.-Israel Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). U.S.-Israel missile defense cooperation is vital to Israel's security and the safety of the more than 300,000 Americans who live there. Additionally, we thank you for your work to pass the \$1 billion Iron Dome Supplemental.

As you know, in May, the Iron Dome Missile Defense System demonstrated how critical it is to protecting innocent lives by intercepting 90 percent of the over 4,000 rockets that were fired into Israel. It remains imperative for us to support the advocacy of President Biden, Secretary Blinken, and Secretary Austin by providing additional funding to replenish the Iron Dome.

While we regret that the continuing resolution did not include supplemental funding for the Iron Dome, we strongly support providing the full \$1 billion for Iron Dome replenishment. We hope that as you negotiate with the Senate on FY2022 appropriations, the \$1 billion in supplemental funding that the Senate included is maintained.

We also request additional bill language to ensure U.S. co-production is employed to the maximum extent practicable. The 2016 U.S.-Israel MOU highlights the "importance of maximizing co-production of parts and components of such defense systems in the United States." Also, while the \$500M for Israeli Cooperative Programs in both House and Senate defense appropriations bills includes language specifying that Iron Dome funding is "subject to the U.S.-Israel Iron Dome Procurement Agreement," there is no similar language in Sec. 8122 of the Senate defense appropriations bill for the \$1 billion in supplemental funding.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Congress must fulfill this crucial need for supplemental appropriations and maximize domestic capabilities to produce additional interceptors. We will continue to work with you to ensure that Congress can swiftly pass this supplemental appropriation.

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Sincerely,



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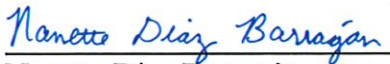
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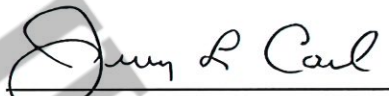
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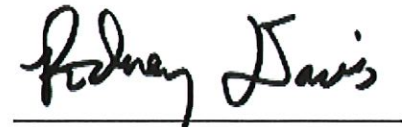
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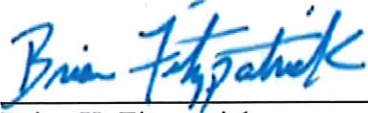
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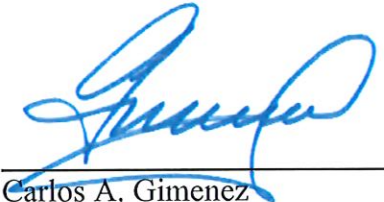
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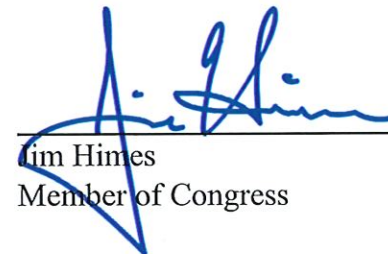
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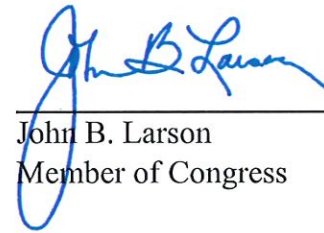
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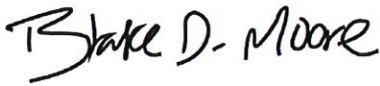
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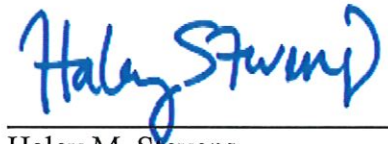
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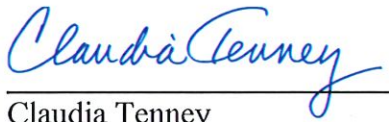
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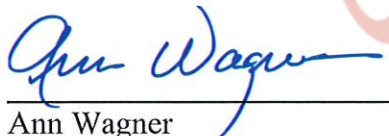
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