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May 23, 2016

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The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

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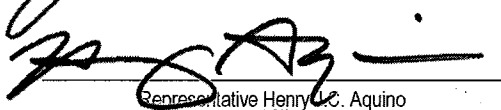
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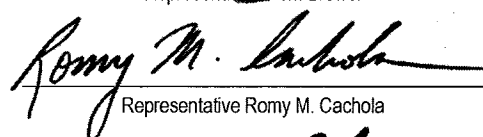
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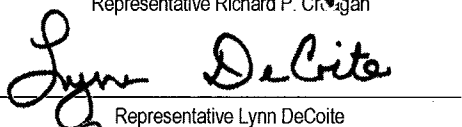
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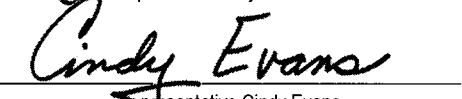
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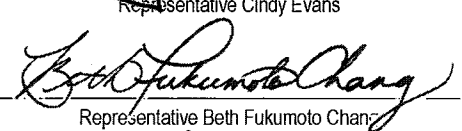
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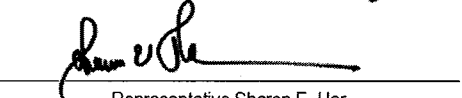
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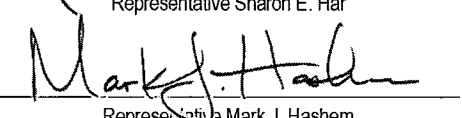
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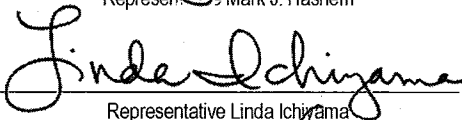
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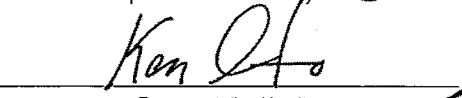
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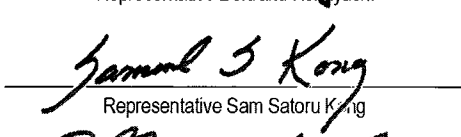
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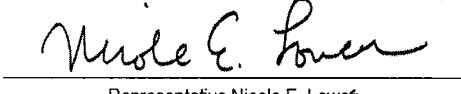
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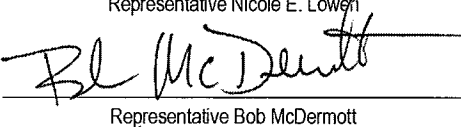
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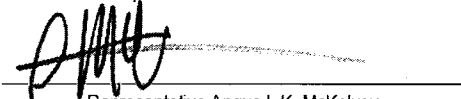
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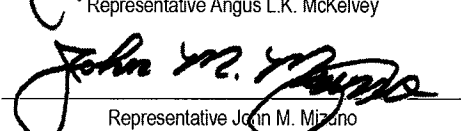
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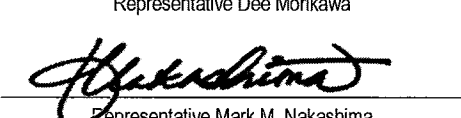
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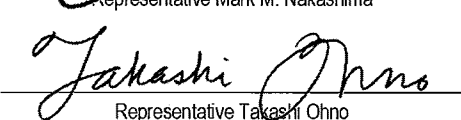
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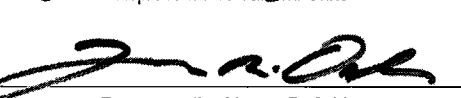
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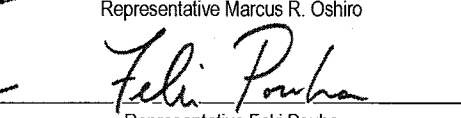
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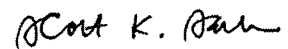
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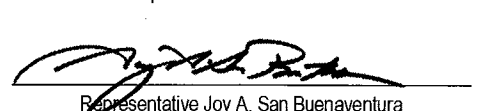
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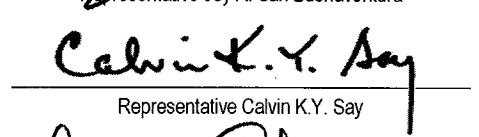
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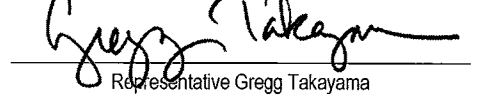
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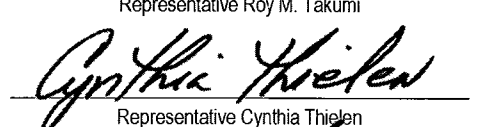
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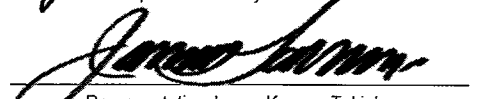
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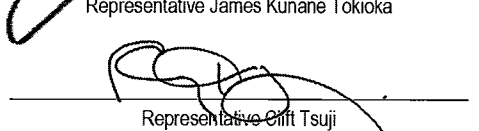
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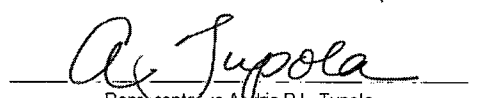
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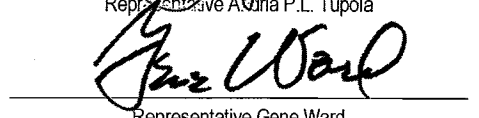
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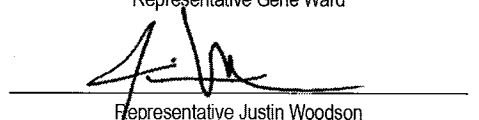
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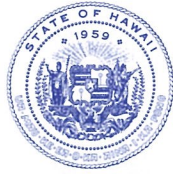
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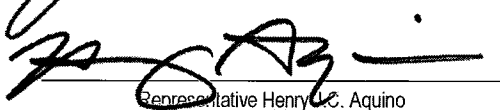
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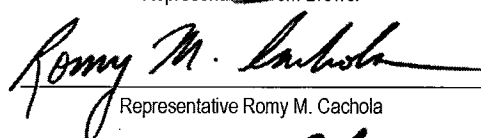
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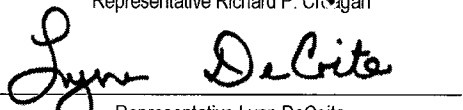
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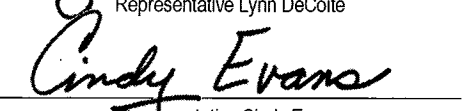
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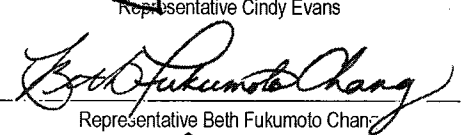
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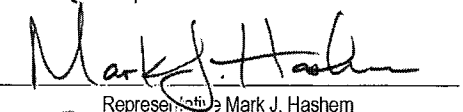
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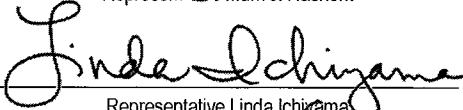
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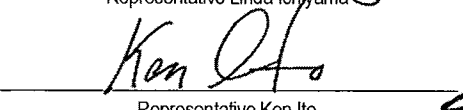
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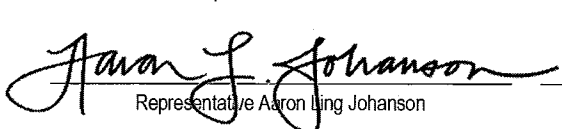
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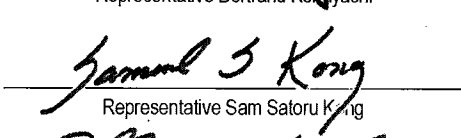
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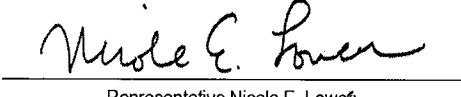
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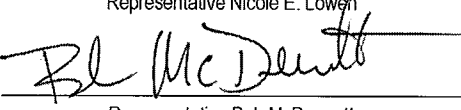
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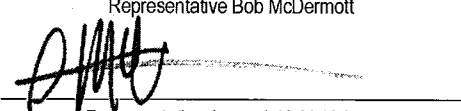
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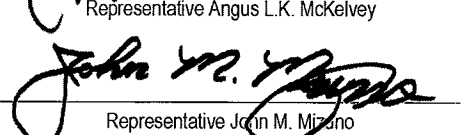
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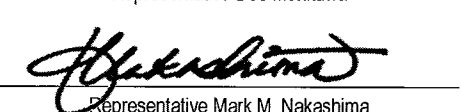
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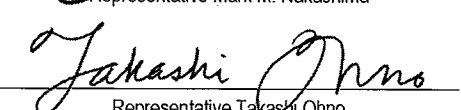
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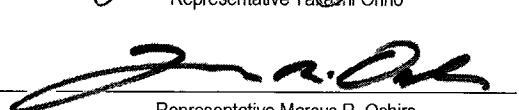
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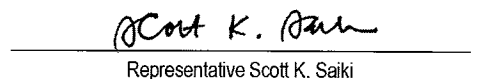
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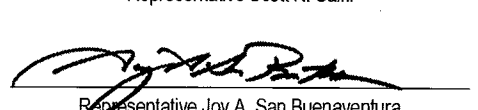
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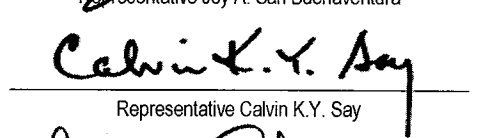
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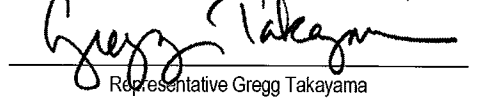
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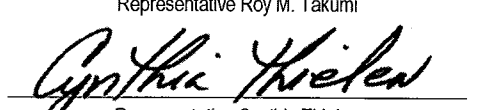
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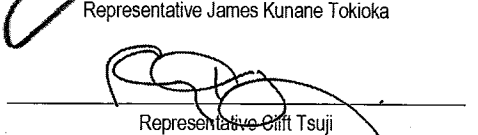
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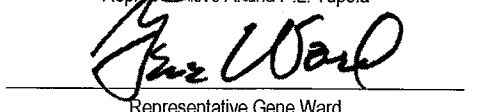
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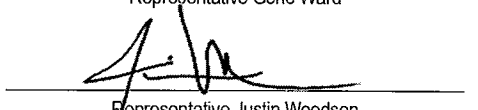
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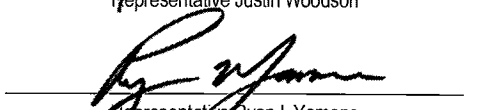
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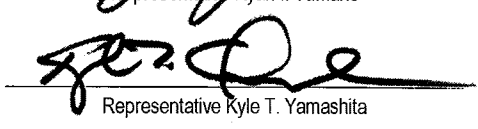
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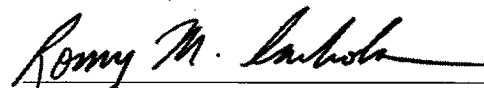
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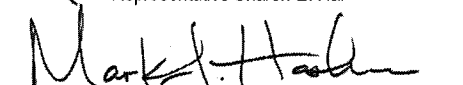

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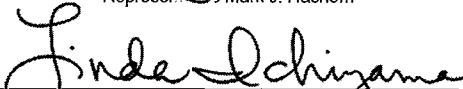

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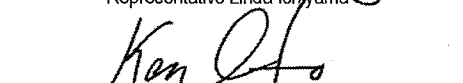

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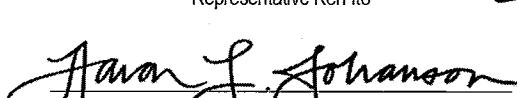

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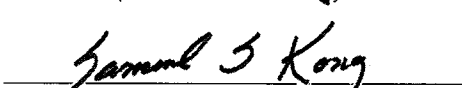

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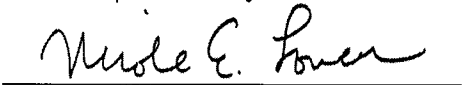

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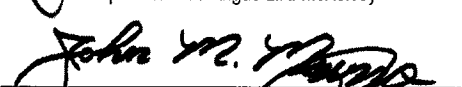

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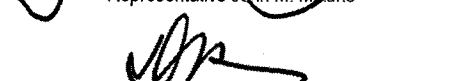

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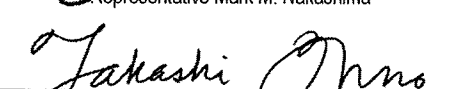

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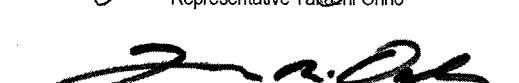

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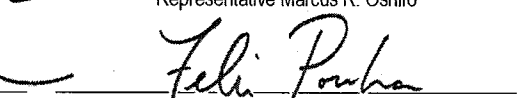

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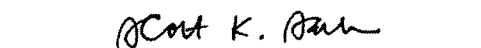

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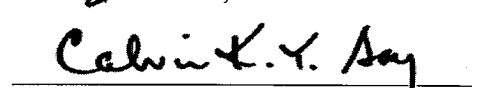

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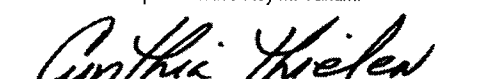

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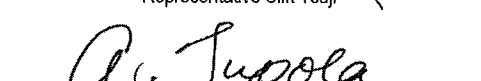

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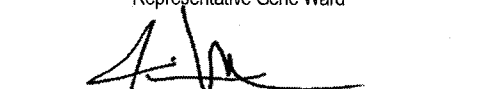

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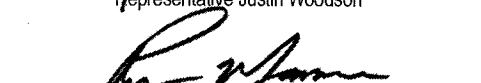

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII
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May 23, 2016

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Washington, DC 20510

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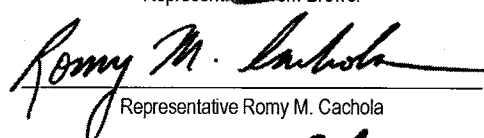
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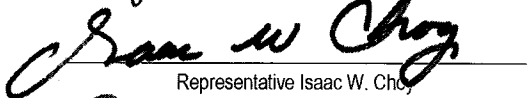
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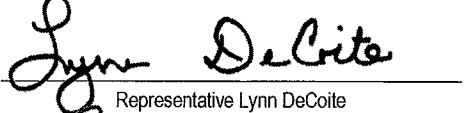
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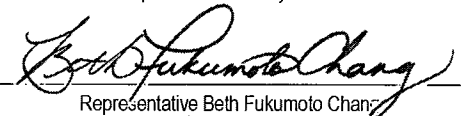
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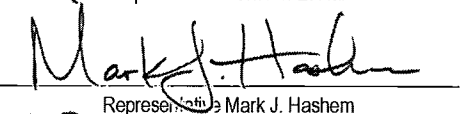
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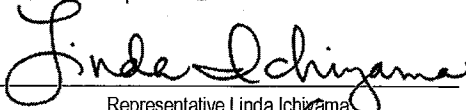
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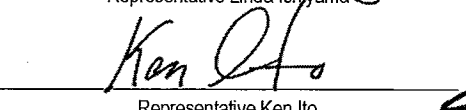
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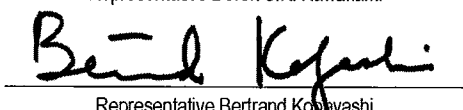
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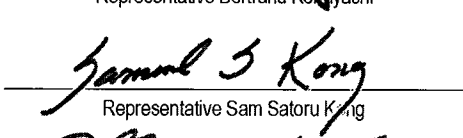
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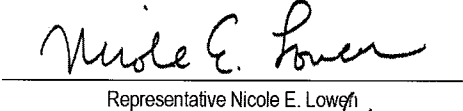
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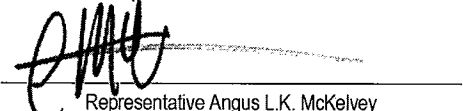
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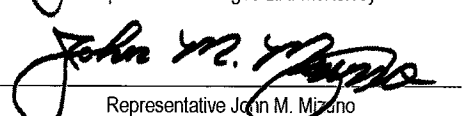
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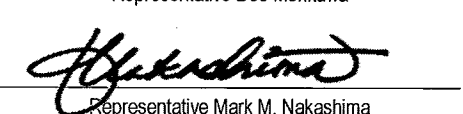
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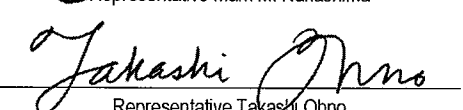
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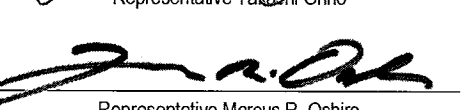
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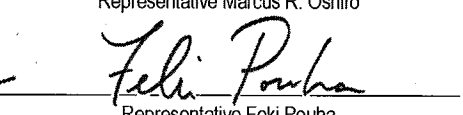
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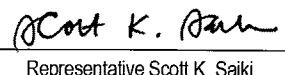
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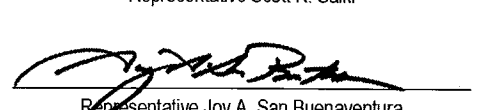
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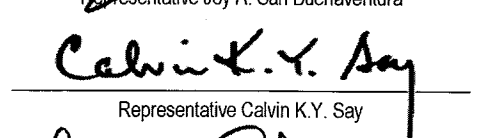
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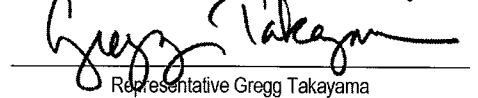
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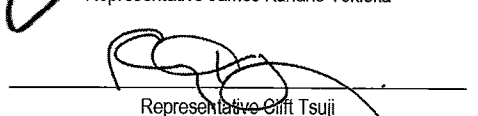
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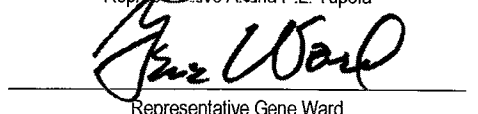
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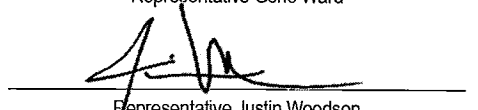
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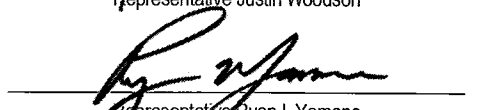
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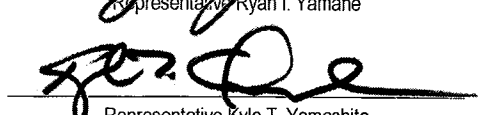
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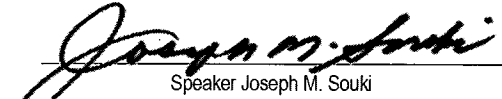
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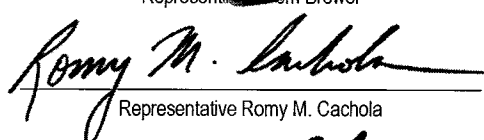
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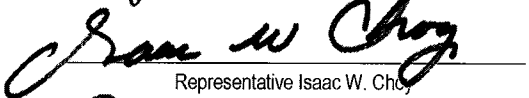
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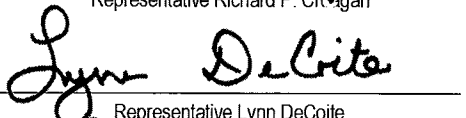
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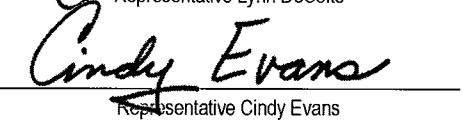
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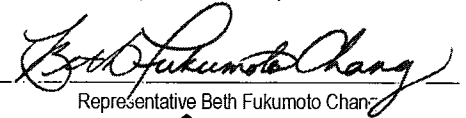
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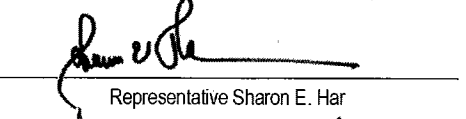
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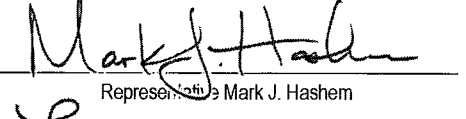
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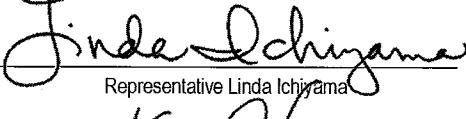
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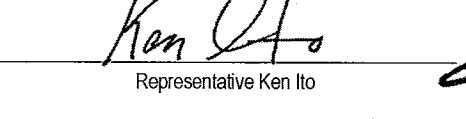
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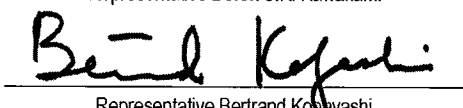
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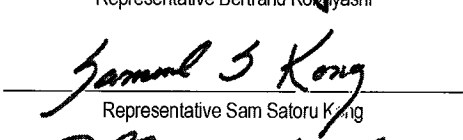
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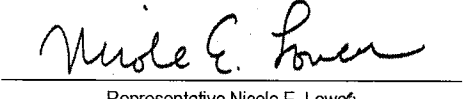
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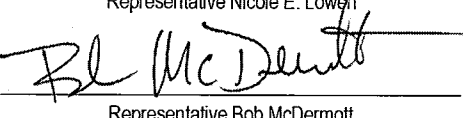
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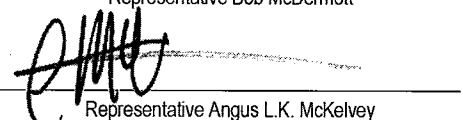
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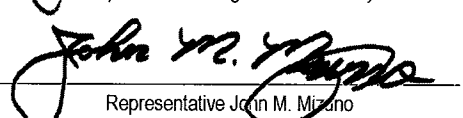
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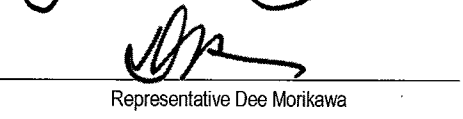
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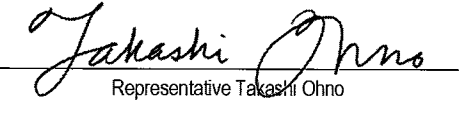
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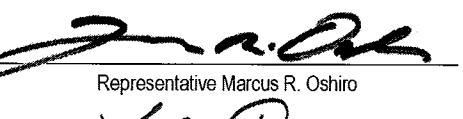
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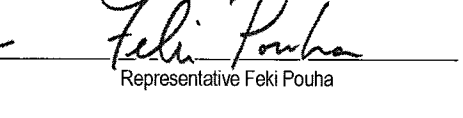
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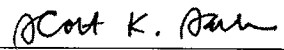
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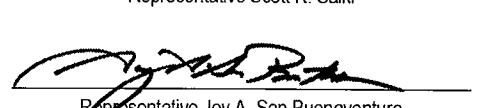
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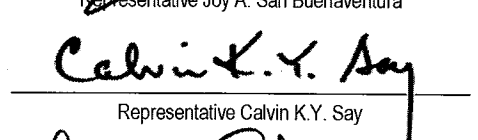
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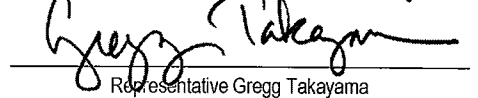
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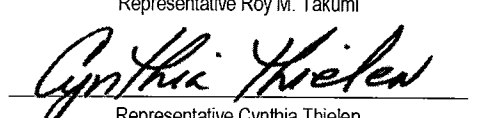
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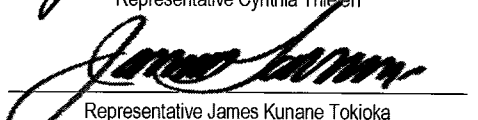
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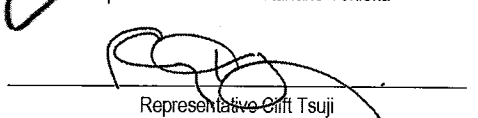
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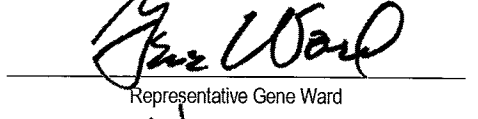
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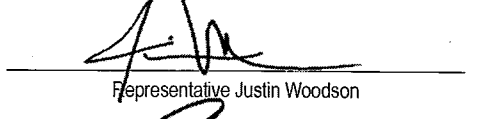
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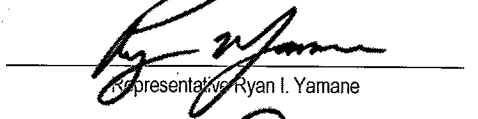
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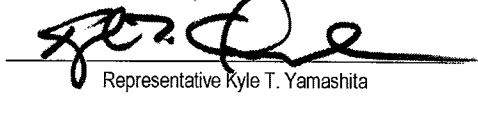
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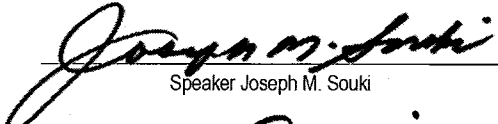
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We urge you to do whatever you can to facilitate and accelerate the process of converting the Aegis Ashore at the Pacific Missile Range Facility on Kauai. We know you share our concern and thank you for your continued support in this matter.

Sincerely,



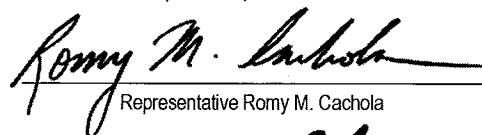
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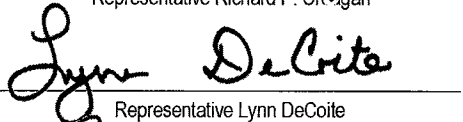
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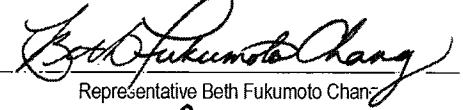
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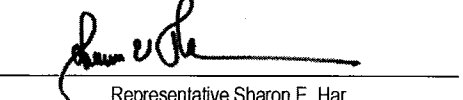
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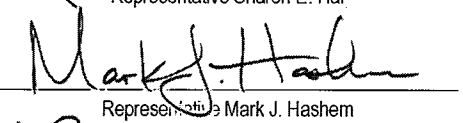
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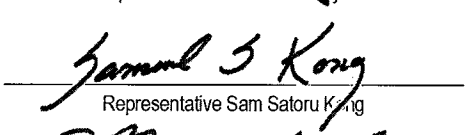
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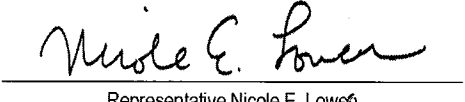
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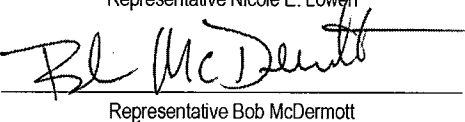
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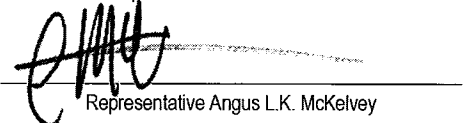
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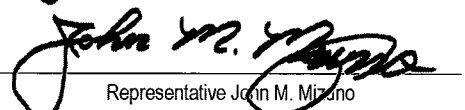
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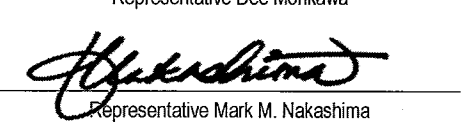
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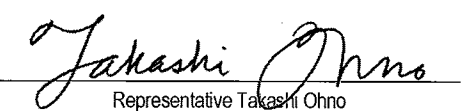
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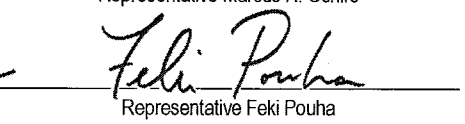
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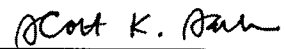
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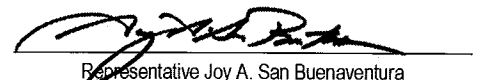
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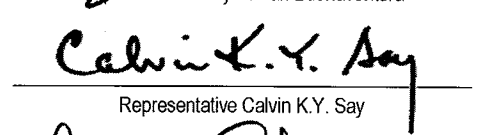
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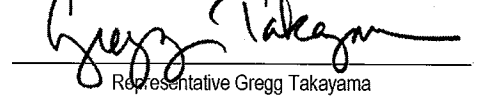
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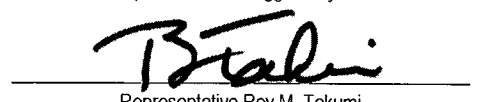
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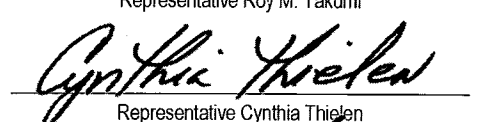
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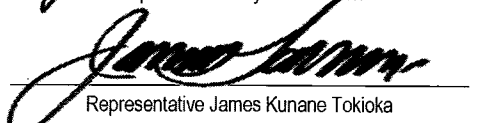
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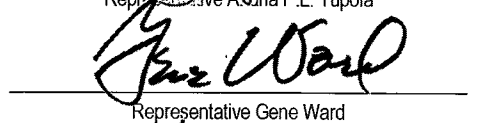
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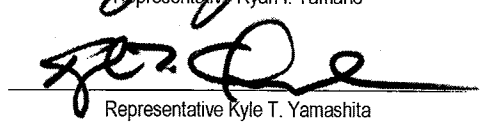
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