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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3207
May 8, 2002

The Honorable George W. Bush
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Bush,

It has come to our attention that your Administration will send a delegation to the People's Republic of China to review and examine the role of the United Nations Population Fund.

As such, we have several questions regarding this delegation trip: What will this team look for, what means will they use to form their assessment, and what criterion or standard must UNFPA meet in order for the administration to release funding for this program? As a fact-finding mission is imminent, we request that it be balanced in perspective and that the findings are reported in a fair and systemic manner.

As such, we request the following standards be applied:

- the team should be unbiased and independent; as determined by having made no previous comments against UNFPA or in support of any thesis that alleges misconduct by the agency in this particular context
- the trip should have specific leave/return dates;
- a deadline should be determined, prior to departure to China, when the team will issue a report of their findings to Members of Congress
- the team should determine, prior to departure to China, what interpretation of Kemp-Kasten they are applying
- the team should meet with UNFPA staff at headquarters in New York City, prior to departure to China, for a full briefing on the work of UNFPA in the over 140 countries where UNFPA operates
- we believe these standards should be available to the public prior to the departure of the team

We are confident that the U.S. team will return from China with a positive report of UNFPA's work, similar to that of the delegation of Members of Parliament from the United Kingdom who recently returned from a similar fact finding mission.

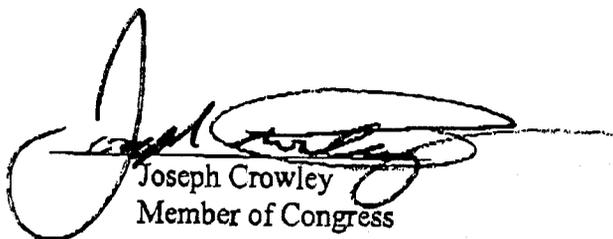
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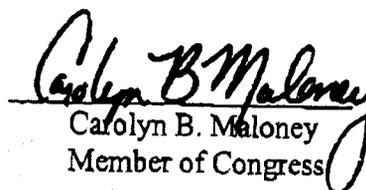
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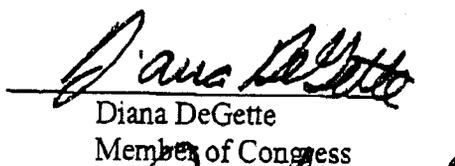
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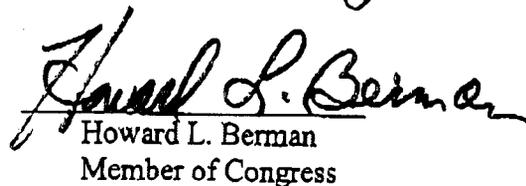
Since 1969, UNFPA has established a record of improving the lives and health of women in developing countries and is the largest international source of population assistance. Roughly one quarter of all population assistance from donor nations to developing countries is directed through UNFPA. Their strong network of partners, wealth of experience, broad presence at the country level, and technical resources in a wide range of health programs are crucial to international development. The United States is an important part of this endeavor and its investment is critical to the program's success. We look forward to your response.

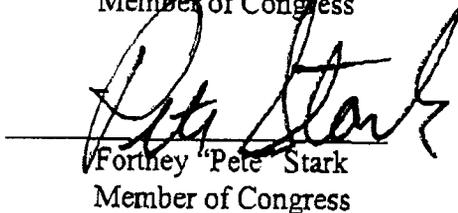
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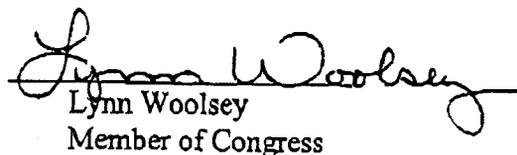

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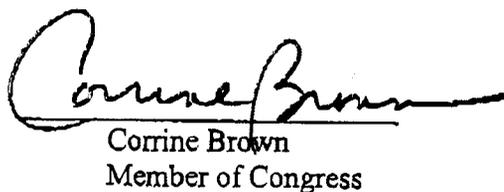

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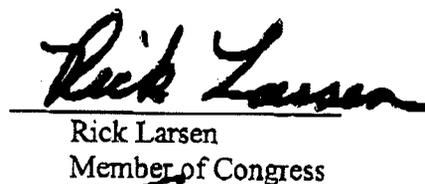

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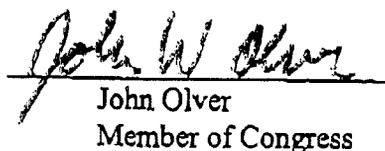

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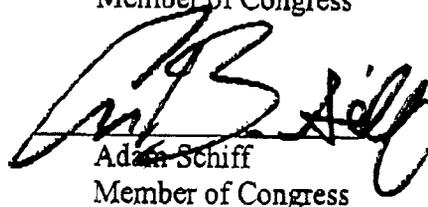

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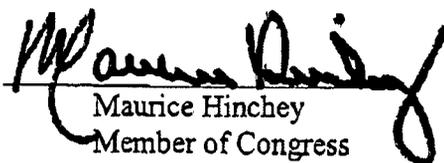

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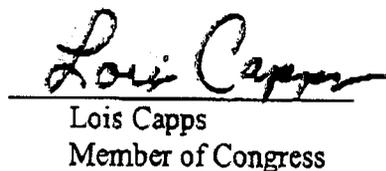

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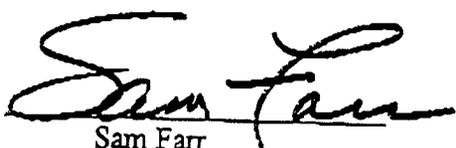

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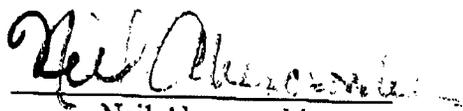

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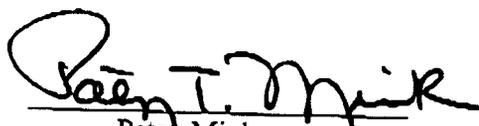

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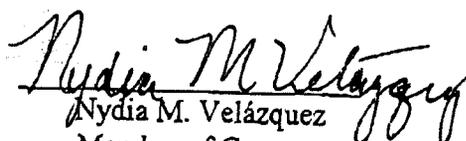

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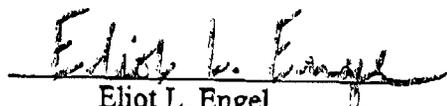

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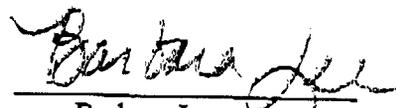

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