United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

April 15, 2026

The Honorable Russell Vought
Director, Office of Management and Budget
725 17th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Director Vought:

We urge you to immediately release the remaining roughly $400 million of FY26 Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) funding available under PL 119-75.

As the main federal program that helps low-income households and seniors with their energy bills, LIHEAP provides critical assistance during the cold winter and hot summer months. With low-income families and seniors feeling additional strains on their household budgets, a timely release of LIHEAP funding is even more critical to ensure families do not need to choose between paying their energy bills and other essentials, like food or medicine.

Any delay in the release of appropriated funds would set back states' efforts to cover outstanding bills relating to unexpected delivered fuels emergencies, to weatherize low-income homes, and to plan for summer cooling programs. Our states are ready to deploy these funds to help vulnerable households as soon as they receive them from HHS.

Thank you for your attention to our request.

Sincerely,

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United States Senator

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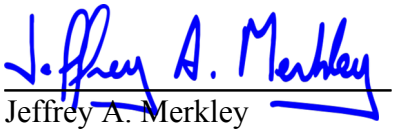

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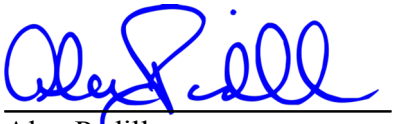

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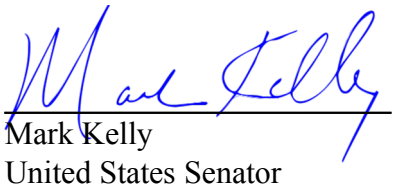

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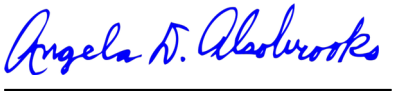

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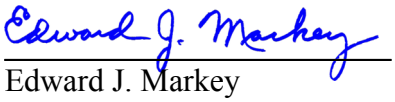

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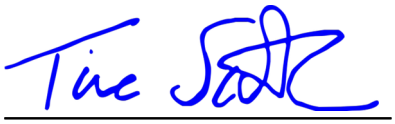

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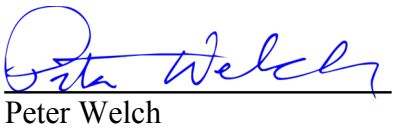

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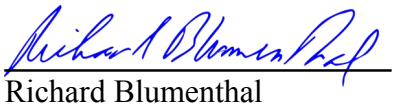

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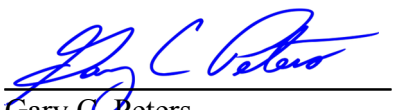

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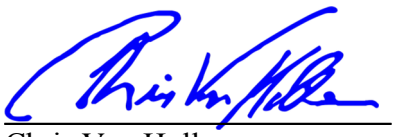

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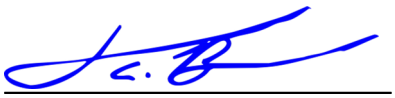

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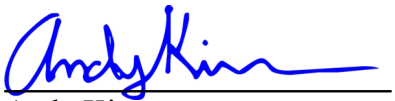

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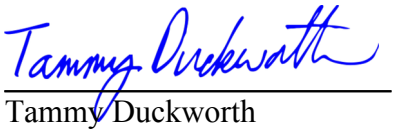

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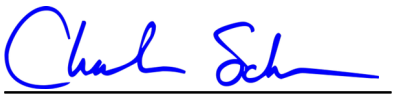

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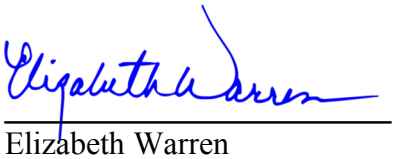

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