



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

October 20, 2021

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Majority Leader
United State Senate
U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Majority Leader:

We write to you today to express our concern regarding the Senate Parliamentarian's memorandum, which dismisses the budgetary impact of providing a pathway to citizenship for eight million people. As you know, the role of the Parliamentarian is an advisory one, and the opinion of the Parliamentarian is not binding.

It is our understanding that according to 2 U.S.C. § 644, the Senate's Presiding Officer has the ability to issue a binding ruling on a parliamentary point of order. In the reconciliation context, any appeal of the Presiding Officer's binding ruling would require a supermajority to be sustained. After the ruling, the Senate would be able to consider a reconciliation bill that includes the immigration language that the Parliamentarian advised was in violation of the Byrd Rule. This authority has been invoked previously; therefore, there is precedent of the Presiding Officer disregarding the opinion of the Senate Parliamentarian.

In denying any possible pathway to citizenship or lawful permanent residents (LPRs) status, the Parliamentarian, an un-elected official, is denying the economic impact of such legislation and the tributes that millions of undocumented individuals have paid to this country.

This is a critical moment for our nation's history, and we strongly urge the Presiding Officer to use their authority to disregard the Senate Parliamentarian's ruling.

Sincerely,

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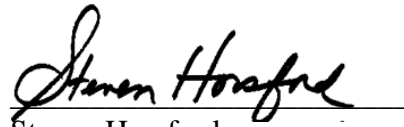
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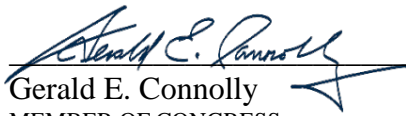
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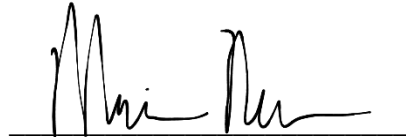
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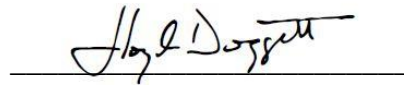
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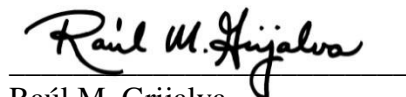
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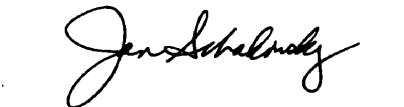
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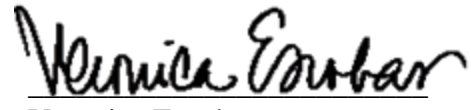
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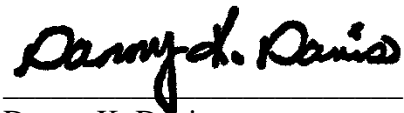
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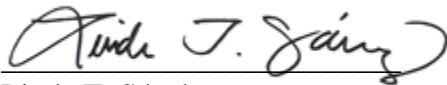
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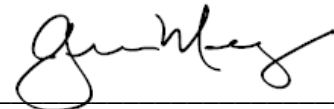
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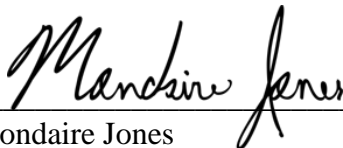
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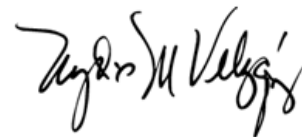
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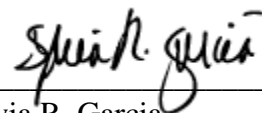
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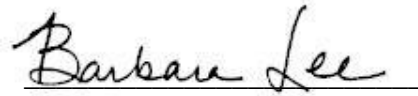
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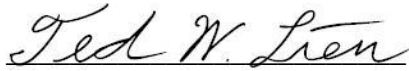
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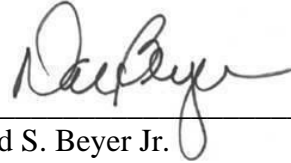
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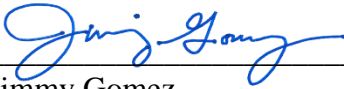
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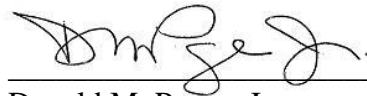
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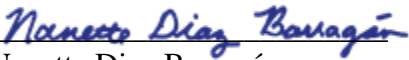
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