

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

April 23, 2019

The Honorable Kevin McAleenan
Acting Secretary of Homeland Security
Washington, D.C. 20528

Dear Acting Secretary McAleenan:

We write to you in support of Israel's participation in U.S. Customs and Border Protection's (CBP) Global Entry program. Over a year ago, all 100 of our colleagues in the United States Senate wrote to you urging the expansion of Global Entry to Israel – an unwavering ally. We write to you today, to ensure that the benefits that Global Entry promises to U.S. tourism, to our country's national security, and to the U.S.-Israel relationship are realized.

According to the U.S. Travel Association, visits from Israel to the United States have averaged 418,000 people per year for the past three years. Israeli travelers account for \$1.2 billion in spending annually, with an average \$4,000 in personal spending per trip.

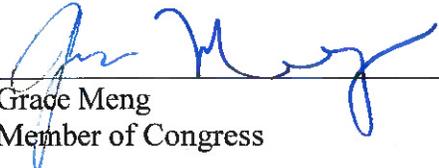
CBP's Global Entry Program allows expedited entry upon arrival to the United States for pre-approved, low-risk travelers. By removing known, low-risk travelers from the regular screening process, CBP is able to focus resources on potentially riskier unknown travelers.

Since 2012, Israel has been participating in a limited pilot program of Global Entry. Israel's full participation in this program would grow the U.S. economy, strengthen national security at each of our borders, and increase opportunities for people-to-people exchange, which bolsters our already unique bilateral relationship.

Israel would join a group of allies who benefit from participation in Global Entry, including Australia, Canada, Mexico, South Korea, the Netherlands, Panama, Germany, Singapore, the United Kingdom, Colombia, Switzerland, Argentina, and India.

We urge you expediently open the full benefits of Global Entry to Israel, and to provide an update to Congress on the status of the current negotiations.

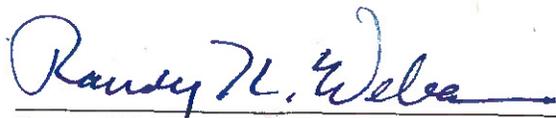
Sincerely,



Grace Meng
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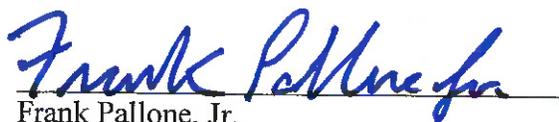
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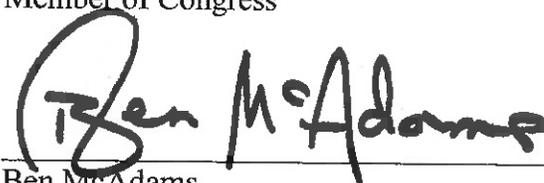
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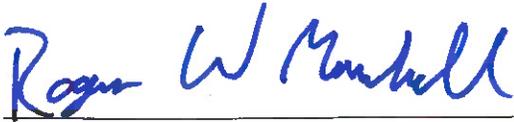
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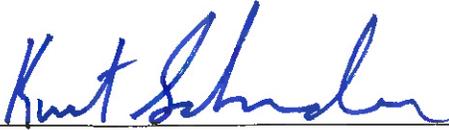
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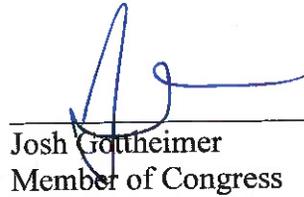
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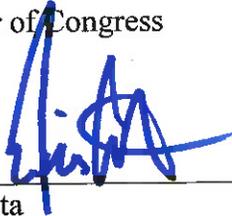
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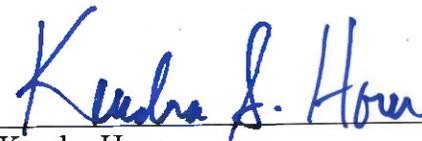
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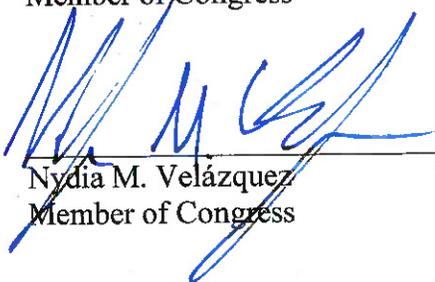
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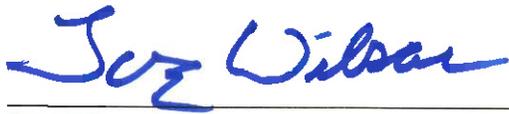
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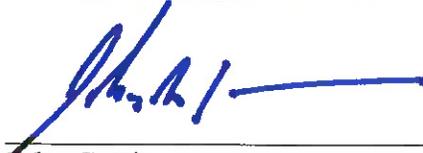
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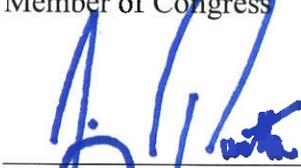
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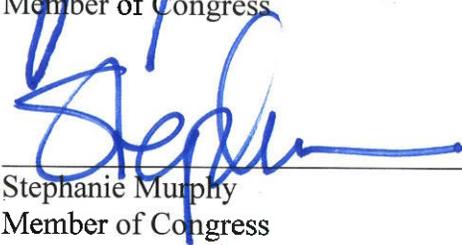
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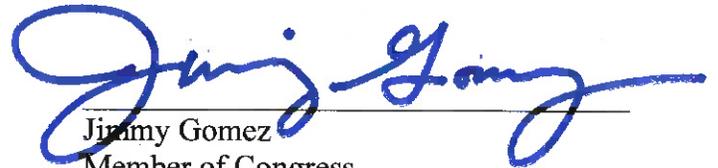
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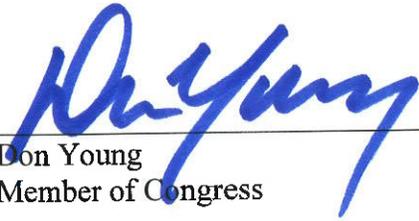
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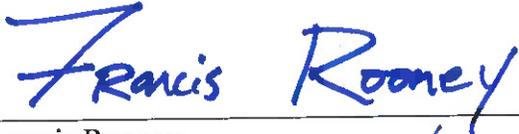
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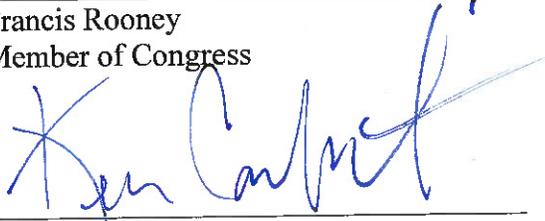
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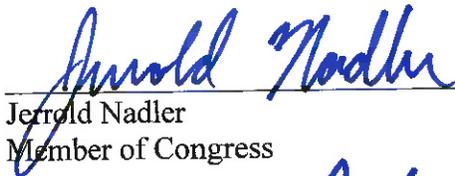
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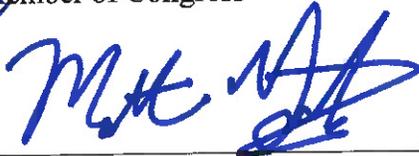
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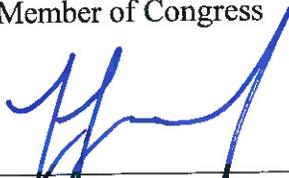
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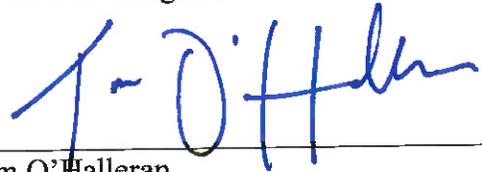
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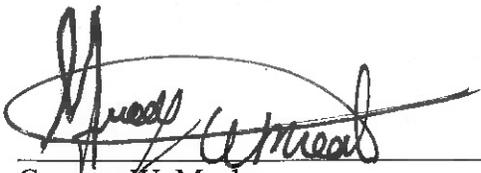
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Gregory W. Meeks
Member of Congress