

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

December 1, 2017

The Honorable Paul Ryan
Speaker of the House
H-232 The Capitol
Washington D.C., 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Democratic Leader
H-204 The Capitol
Washington D.C., 20515

The Honorable Rodney Frelinghuysen
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-305 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515


The Honorable Nita Lowey
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1016 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Ryan, Leader Pelosi, Chairman Frelinghuysen, and Ranking Member Lowey:

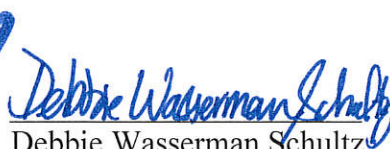
As Members of the Congressional delegations of Texas and Florida, two states that sustained extensive damage in the recent devastating hurricane season, we write to express our strong dissatisfaction with the utterly inadequate disaster supplemental appropriations request from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The severely underfunded request neglects the fundamental needs of our states and will not provide the bare minimum necessary for our states to continue recovering from the storms. Moreover, the funding currently proposed is not allocated to provide for an effective recovery. Unless the disaster supplemental appropriations bill is significantly improved before it is brought to a vote on the House floor, we will be unable to support this legislation.

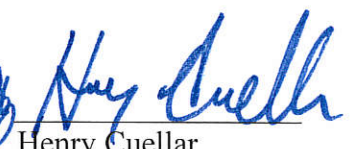
We look forward to meeting with you to discuss how to improve the bill. As our communities continue to recover, we are committed to ensuring they are provided the resources that are necessary to alleviate the damage and better withstand future disasters.

Sincerely,

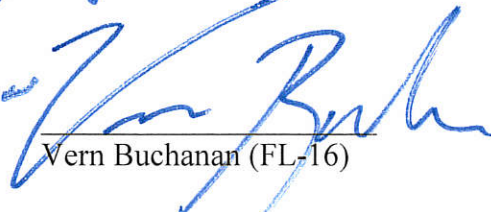

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(FL-25)


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(FL-23)


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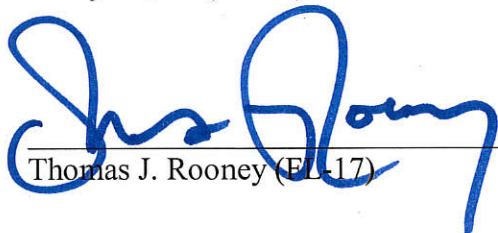
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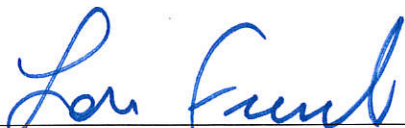
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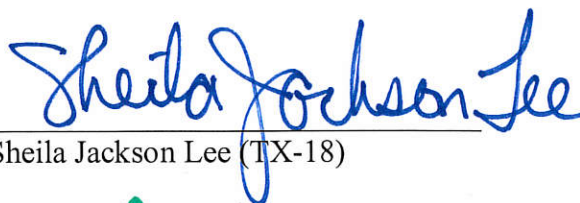
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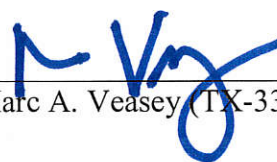
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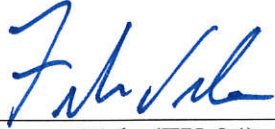
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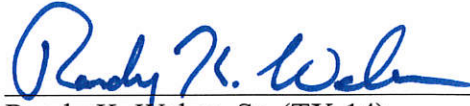
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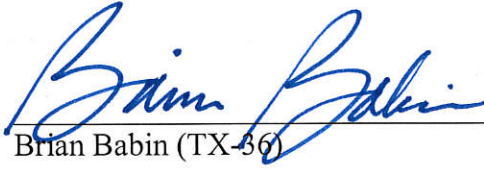
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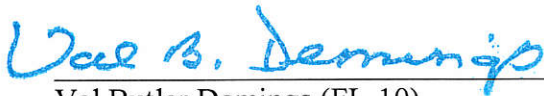
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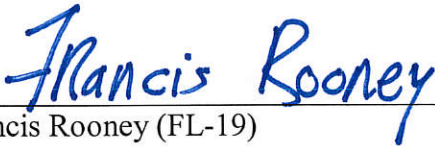
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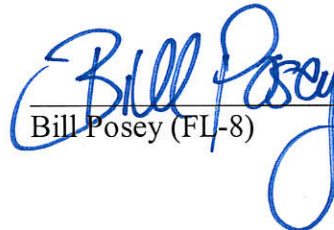
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