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November 20, 2009

The Honorable George Miller
 Chairman
 Committee on Education and Labor
 2181 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Miller:

This February, when the national unemployment rate was 7.6 percent, Congressional Democrats passed President Obama's \$787 billion stimulus plan. At that time, Administration officials promised the President's stimulus bill would prevent unemployment from rising above 8 percent. Instead, just nine months later, the Department of Labor reports that unemployment has jumped to 10.2 percent, and more than 2.8 million American jobs have been lost. Clearly something went wrong.

Contributing to the lack of confidence in the efficacy of the so-called stimulus measure is erroneous jobs data recently posted on the recovery.gov website. Despite the dramatic spike in the unemployment rate, the Administration asserts that stimulus spending "created or saved" 640,000 jobs. Unfortunately, many of these alleged jobs are attributed to Congressional Districts that do not exist.

Numerous media reports and lawmakers have debunked the Administration's claims – including Appropriations Committee Chairman David Obey, who stated, "The inaccuracies on recovery.gov that have come to light are outrageous and the Administration owes itself, the Congress, and every American a commitment to work night and day to correct the ludicrous mistakes."

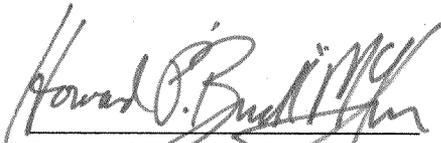
In the midst of this confusion, Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis has been conspicuous in her absence. With the first year of the Obama Administration drawing to a close, Secretary Solis has yet to appear at a single hearing before the House Education and Labor Committee. We therefore call on you to schedule Secretary Solis for immediate testimony before the committee to address the rising rate of unemployment, the erroneous jobs data attributed to the President's stimulus plan, and the Administration's plans to address these problems.

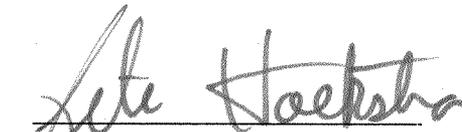
Majority Leader Hoyer announced earlier this week that Democrats plan to move another stimulus bill through Congress by year's end. Before another taxpayer dollar is spent, Congress must demand accountability for the failure of the \$787 billion already appropriated under the Obama stimulus plan to stem the tide of rising unemployment.

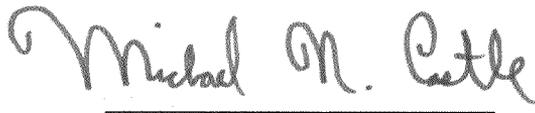
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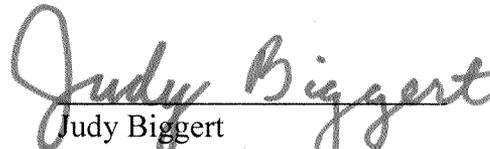

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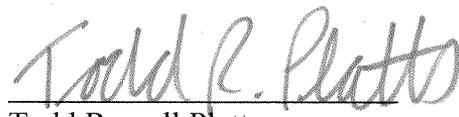

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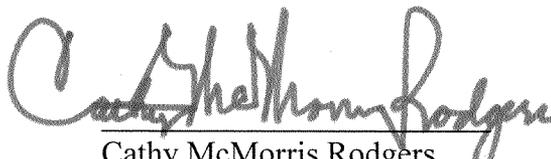

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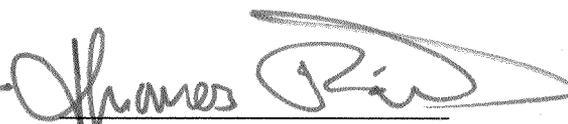

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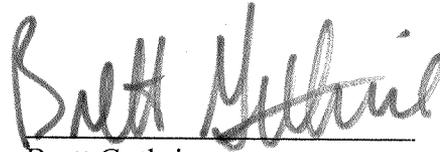

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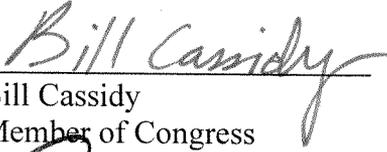

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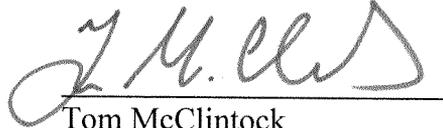
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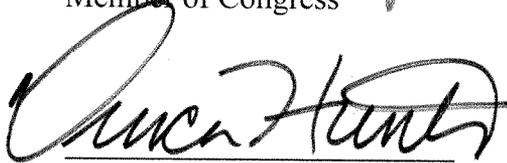
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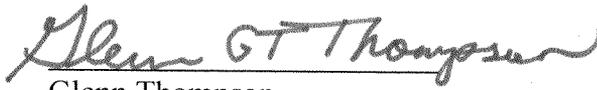
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