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The Honorable Douglas Shulman
Commissioner
Internal Revenue Service
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Dear Commissioner Shulman,

As you are aware, significant funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act has been allocated to the IRS facility in Andover, Massachusetts to modernize its operations and physical plant. We write to encourage you in the strongest terms to fully utilize this state-of-the-art resource by expanding the number of employees at the facility and by taking advantage of the strong workforce already present in the community, many of whom recently lost their jobs as a result of the IRS's reorganization plan.

We are grateful that the funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act have enabled the General Services Administration's New England Region to modernize the IRS campus in Andover. The extensive alterations will support the agency's increased use of automated technology. Slated for completion in 2012, the renovated facility will enable the IRS to improve productivity and customer service.

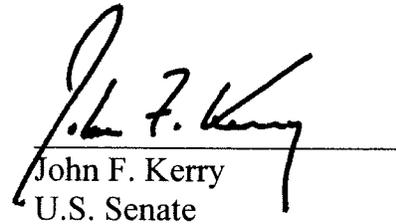
We are pleased that this expansion will create local construction jobs in our states, and we expect that the impact of each dollar spent will multiply as those workers demand local goods and services. However, in order for this investment to have the greatest impact on the regional economy in the long term, we urge you to commit to growing the workforce at IRS Andover. As part of the efforts of the federal government to stimulate the economy and create jobs, we feel it is critical that the workforce at IRS Andover be expanded and that the population of displaced workers is given priority in the hiring process at the renovated facility.

We appreciate your consideration of this request and look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact us or have your staff contact Aparna Krishnaswamy in Congresswoman Niki Tsongas' office at 202.225.3411.

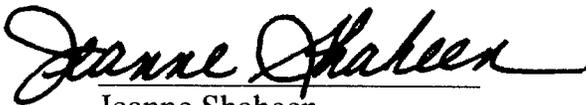
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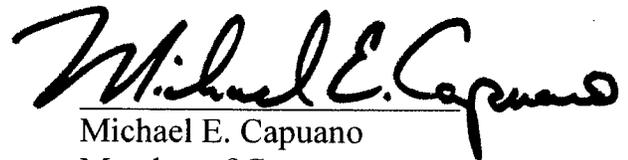
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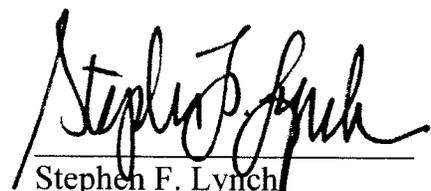
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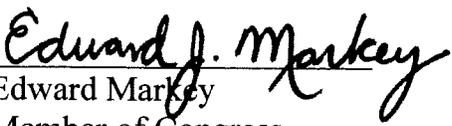
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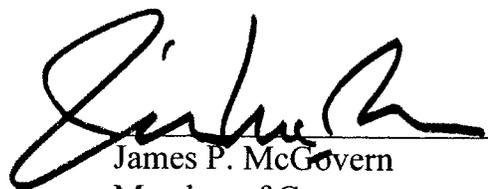


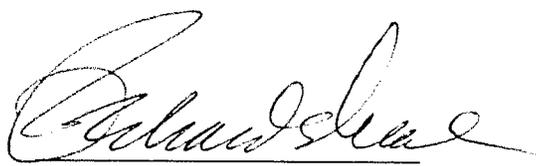
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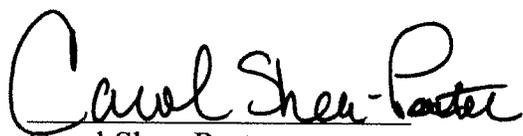
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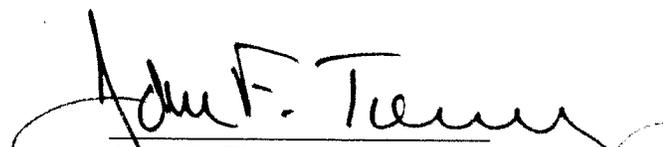

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