

The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) is a defining test for American political and economic leadership in the Asia-Pacific region. It is a critical indicator of U.S. investment in this dynamic region. The TPP promises to bring together 12 states on both sides of the Pacific in a landmark trade agreement that would set new terms for regional integration, help open previously closed markets, establish significant labor and environmental protections, and address important 21st Century issues such as intellectual property rights and state-owned enterprises. Increasingly, the TPP is seen by the region as the cornerstone of an effective U.S. engagement strategy for the Asia-Pacific region.

This agreement, if concluded, has the potential to become among the most consequential and trend-setting trade agreements in history, providing a framework for effective interaction among the dynamic economies of the region. According to the Peterson Institute for International Economics, the free trade enabled by TPP could generate up to \$1,922 billion, or 1.9% of world GDP. Strong trade and investment ties between the United States and Asia help provide the necessary foundation for deeper political and security partnerships.

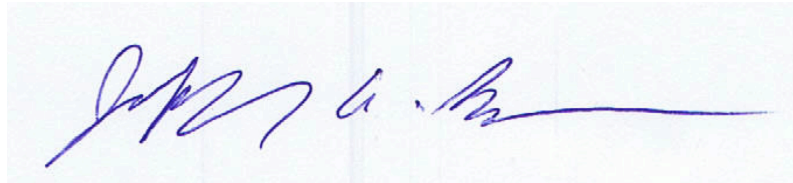
We, the undersigned, represent decades of foreign policy service, commitment and experience in Asia under eight Presidents spanning both Republican and Democratic Administrations. To expedite the passage of the TPP, we strongly encourage Congress to provide Trade Promotion Authority to the President in order to rapidly conclude negotiations.



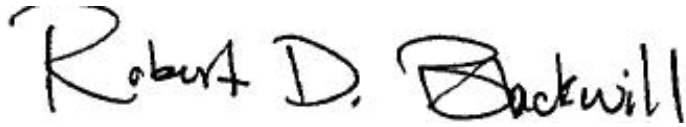
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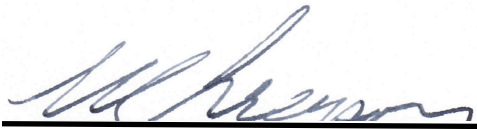
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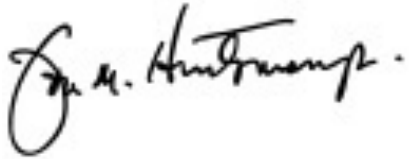
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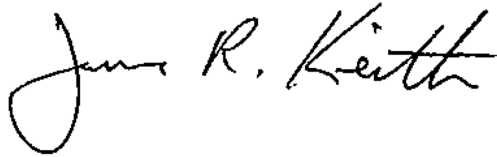
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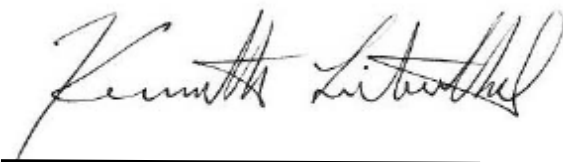
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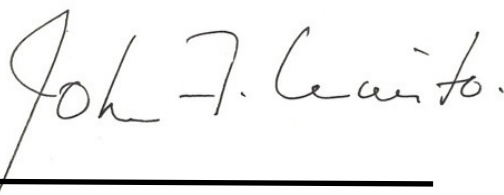
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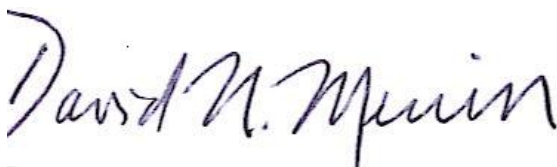
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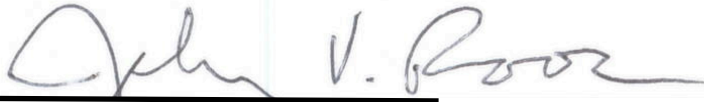
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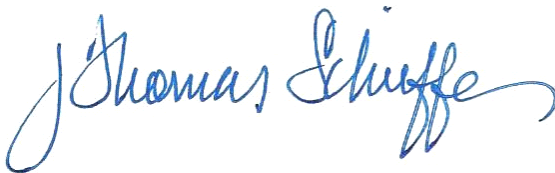
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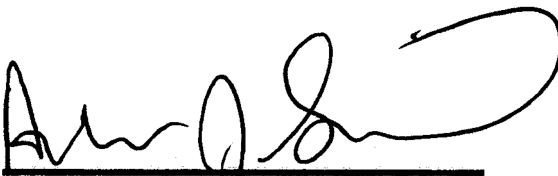
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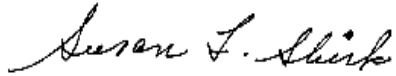
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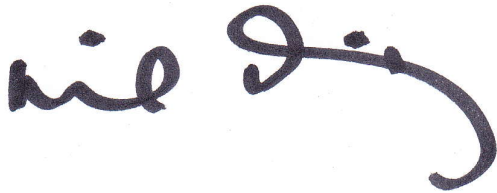
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