

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

October 23, 2008

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
H-232 U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Madam Speaker:

We support your statements that the House may reconvene after the election to consider legislation related to the urgent economic crisis gripping the nation. We understand the economic situation is of the utmost importance and the highest priority for our chamber. However, should the House be called into session, we hope you will also consider taking up Senator Bingaman's Omnibus Public Lands Management Act. As you may be aware, Majority Leader Reid has stated that, following the election, the Senate would consider this package.

The omnibus public lands package is a compilation of public lands proposals including the designation of new wilderness areas, the establishment of heritage areas in a number of local communities and the recognition of our National Landscape Conservation System. This package includes both small local initiatives and broad national policies, which are the result of months and years of negotiations and extensive participation by local stakeholders. They are supported by local elected officials, environmental organizations, businesses, hunting and fishing organizations, faith groups and labor.


The omnibus Senate package is a bipartisan proposal. The individual components have been subject to hearings and formal Committee action. This package includes many bills that Democratic and Republican Members of the House have authored and that have already been adopted by the full House of Representatives.

Madam Speaker, we understand the critical importance of addressing the nation's economic situation. While the situation with public lands protection remains fluid, we urge that as you consider a possible post-election agenda, you include action on the Senate omnibus public lands package should the opportunity arise.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,


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Member of Congress


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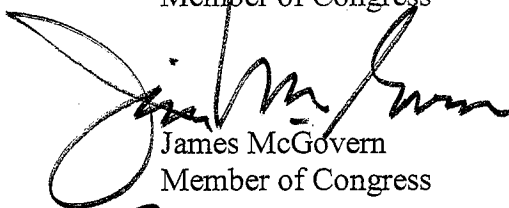
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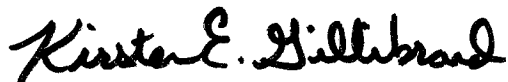
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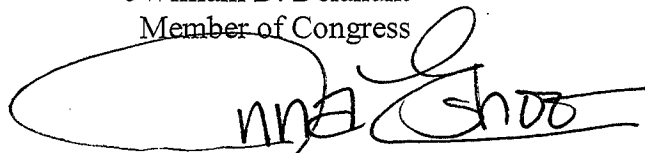
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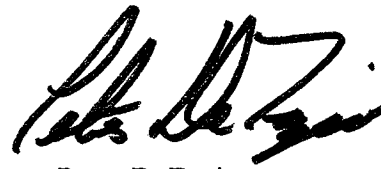
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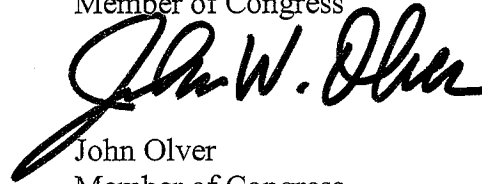
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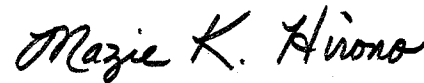
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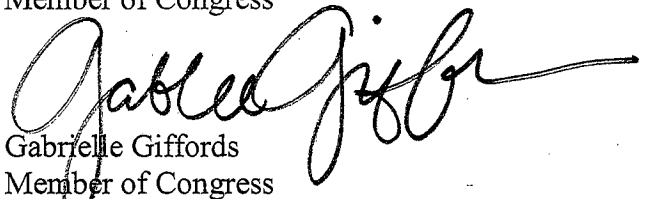
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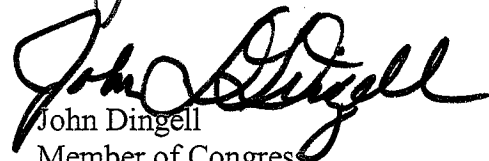
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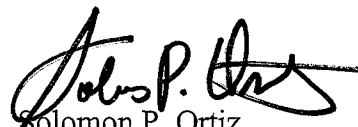
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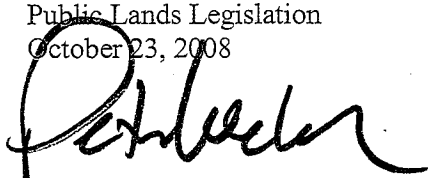


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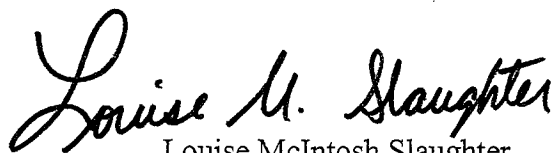


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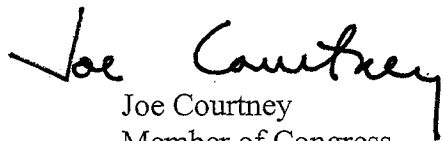
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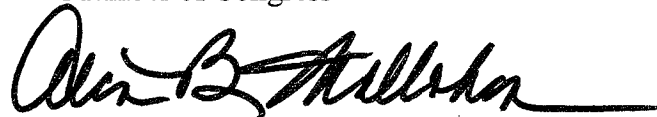
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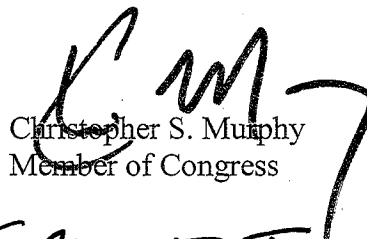
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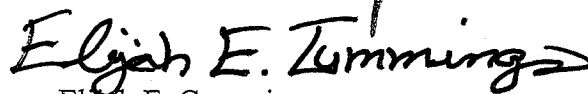
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