

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

October 25, 2023

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Johnson,

As Members of the Gun Violence Prevention Task Force, we write with a somber update about the lives lost to gun violence while the U.S. Congress has been paralyzed without an elected Speaker of the House.

Gun violence is the leading cause of death for children and teenagers in America. Parents across our country now live with the reality that if their child dies, the most common reason for that death is not because of cancer or a car crash, but a bullet.

Since former Speaker McCarthy was removed from his leadership role on October 3rd 1,030 people have died from gun violence including 15 children and 60 teenagers. Another 2,072 people were injured by gun violence and our country was traumatized by 33 more mass shootings.

Although we can never get back the time that was wasted by the chaos caused by the lack of leadership in the House of Representatives, we must not let that dysfunction prevent us from working together to address the gun violence crisis moving forward. We suggest that the House first start by considering the numerous gun violence prevention bills that are supported by a majority of Democrats, Independents and Republicans.

The Gun Violence Prevention Task Force sent multiple letters to former Speaker McCarthy with the earnest request that the House take action on gun violence which is the largest killer of children. As you assume the responsibility of Speaker of the House, we stand ready to work with you on legislation that will reduce gun violence and urge you to commit to putting gun violence prevention legislation on the floor as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



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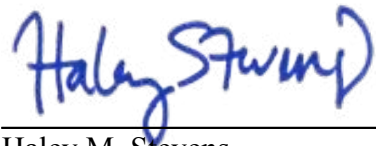
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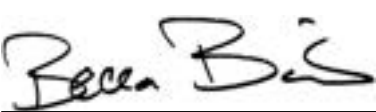
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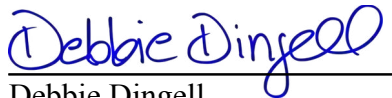
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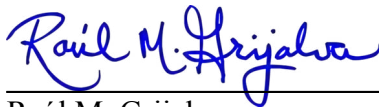
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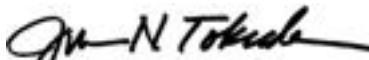
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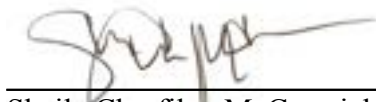
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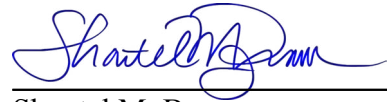
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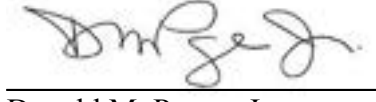
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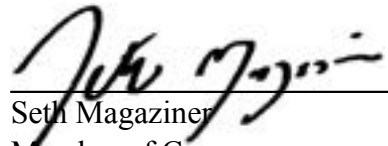
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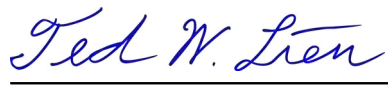
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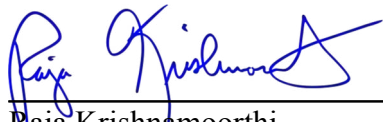
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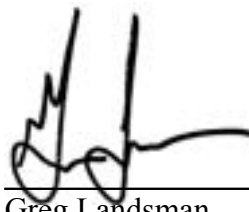
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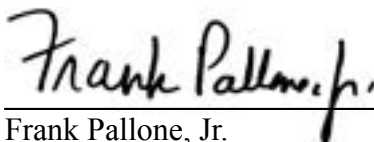
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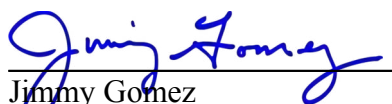
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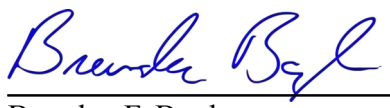
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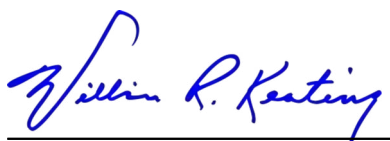
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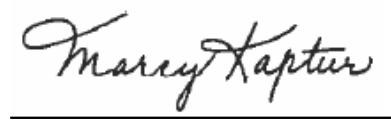
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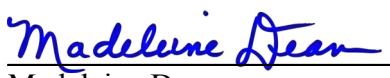
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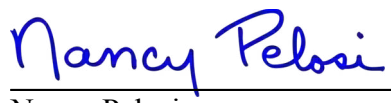
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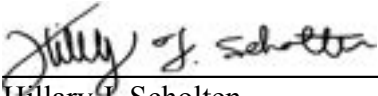
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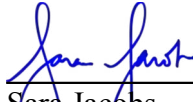
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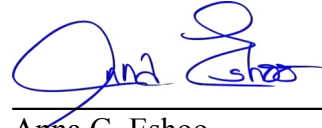
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