

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

May 1, 2024

The Honorable Ken Calvert
Chair
Subcommittee on Defense
Committee on Appropriations
H-405 Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Betty McCollum
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Defense
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Calvert and Ranking Member McCollum:

As you craft the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Department of Defense (DoD) appropriations bill, we respectfully request that you include \$10 million for the Tuberous Sclerosis Complex Research Program (TSCRCP) at the Department of Defense (DoD).

Tuberous sclerosis complex (TSC) is a genetic condition that affects an estimated 50,000 Americans, causing tumors in the kidneys, lungs, liver, heart, eyes, skin, and brain. Researchers have linked TSC to seizures, autism spectrum disorder and severe intellectual disability. Research on TSC is also advancing our understanding of traumatic brain injury and other medical conditions like cancer and diabetes, and research at the TSCRCP is critical to ongoing progress.

From FY 2002 to FY 2024, Congress appropriated a total of \$121 million to the TSCRCP. As approved by the House, the FY 2024 Defense Appropriations Act would have increased funding to \$10 million, but the final version of the bill flat-funded the program at \$8 million. This well-established program, which has enjoyed bipartisan support from Congress, awards grants competitively to cutting edge research proposals. Research at the TSCRCP complements – and does not duplicate – ongoing studies on TSC supported by the National Institutes of Health.

While this research has led to significant breakthroughs, far more is needed. In FY 2023, 12 applications were selected for funding, but an additional 17 applications scored as Outstanding or Excellent were not funded (totaling \$8.6 million in unfunded research). Continued funding is required for clinical studies to accelerate the development of new therapeutic agents, understand the biology underlying the wide variation in severity among individuals with TSC, advance gene therapy, identify potential biomarkers that can be applied to newborn screening and develop the tools to translate basic scientific discoveries into clinical treatments. Further federal support is necessary to move this research closer to ultimately finding a cure.

We are extremely grateful for the support you have provided over the years, and we respectfully urge you to appropriate \$10 million in necessary funding for the TSCR in FY2025.

Sincerely,



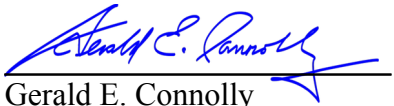
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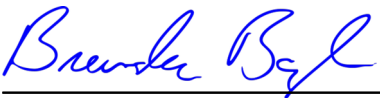
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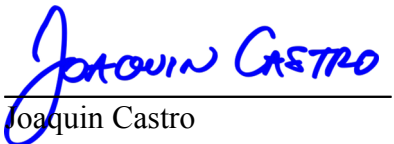
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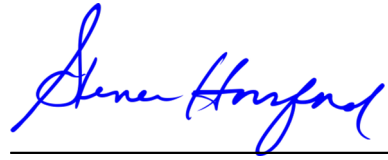
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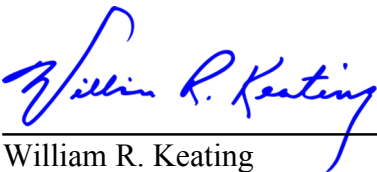
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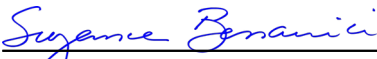
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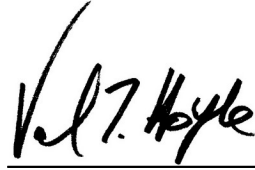
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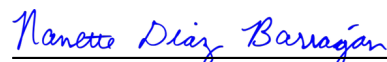
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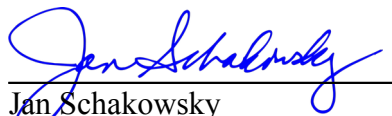
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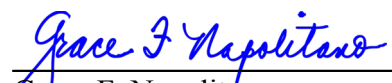
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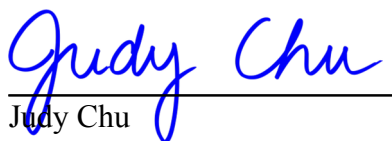
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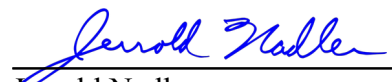
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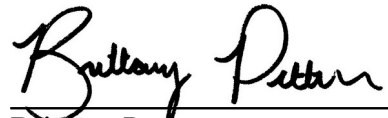
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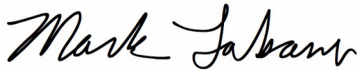
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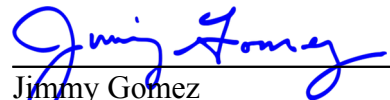
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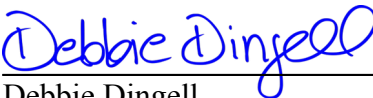
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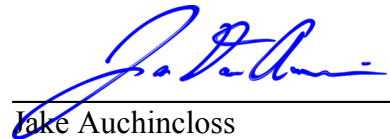
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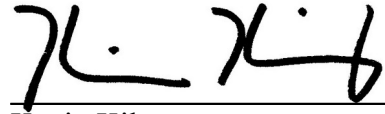
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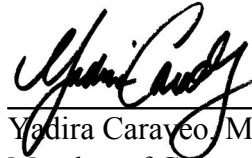
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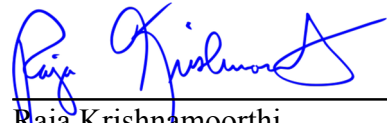
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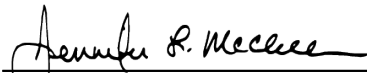
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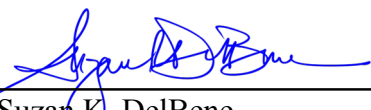
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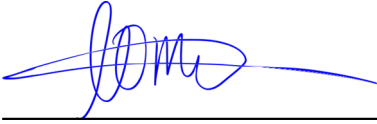
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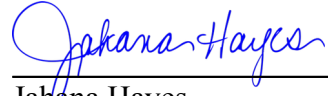
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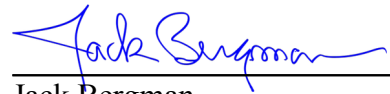
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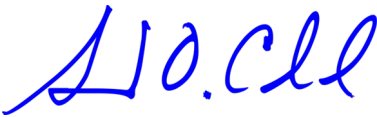
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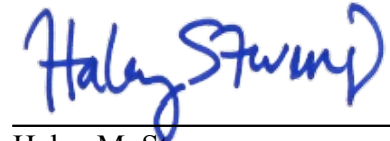
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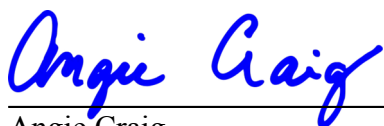
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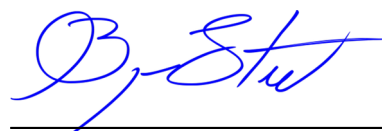
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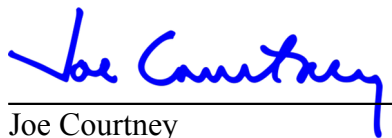
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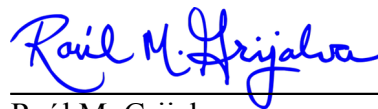
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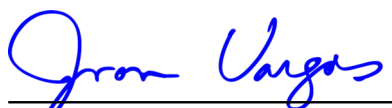
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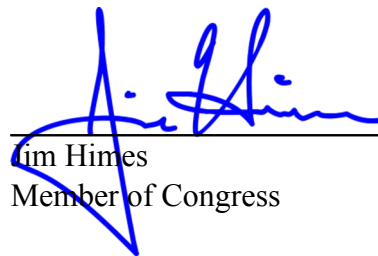
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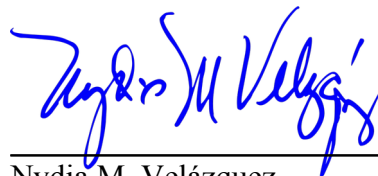
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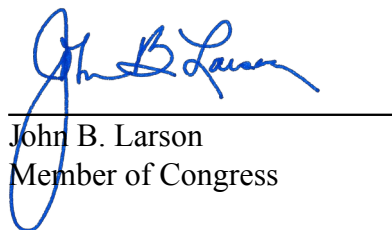
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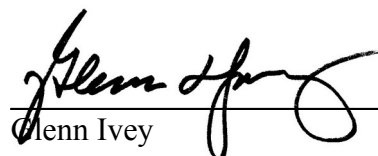
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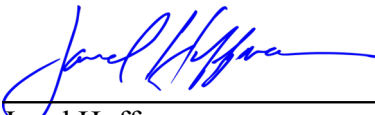
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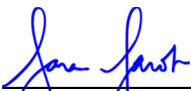
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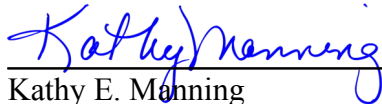
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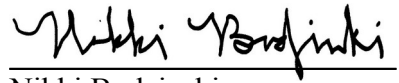
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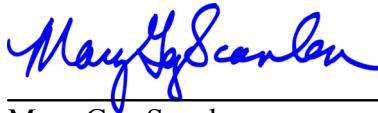
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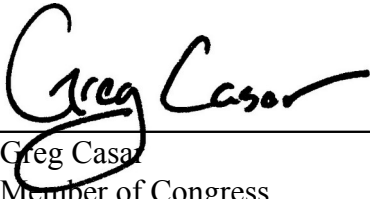
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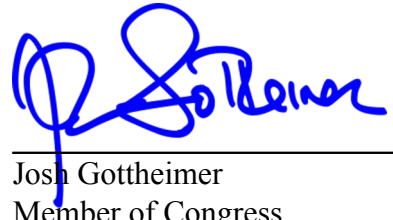
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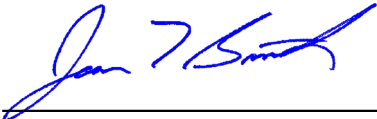
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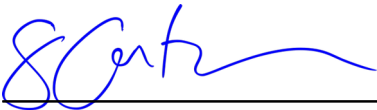
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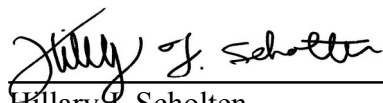
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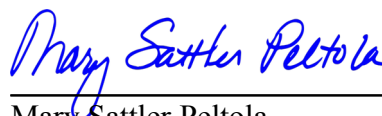
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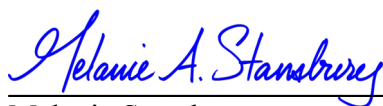
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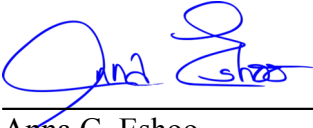
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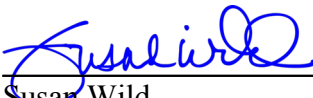
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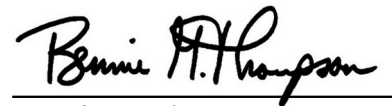
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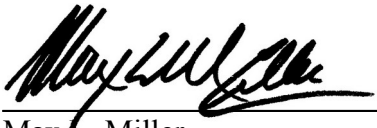
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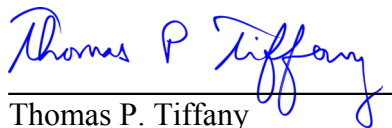
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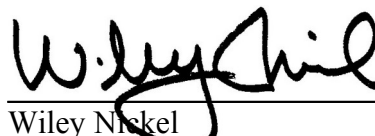
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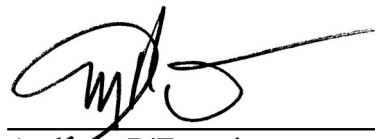
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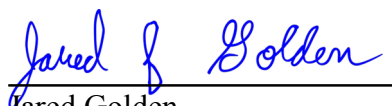
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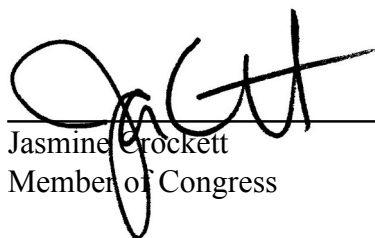
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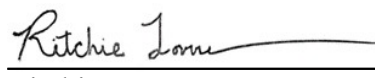
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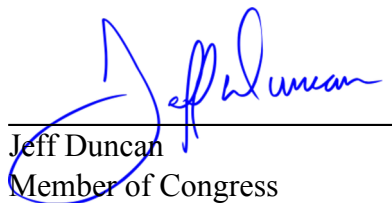
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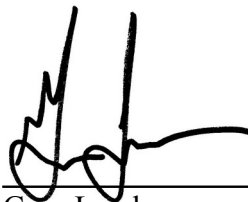
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