

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

March 28, 2019

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
Subcommittee on Labor, Health
and Human Services, Education,
and Related Agencies
2358-B Rayburn Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Tom Cole
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Labor, Health
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Dear Chairman DeLauro and Ranking Member Cole:

As you consider appropriations legislation for the coming year, we respectfully request \$50 million to conduct gun violence research through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Institutes of Health (NIH), and other related agencies in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies appropriations bill.

Each year, nearly 40,000 Americans die from gun violence—the highest number in the developed world. As we reflect on a seemingly endless string of horrific mass shootings and daily instances of gun violence, Americans of diverse backgrounds are joining with scientists and members of the public health community to demand decisive action from their elected leaders to keep our neighborhoods and communities safe.

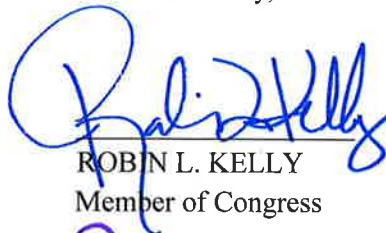
Although Members of Congress may disagree about how best to respond to the high incidence of gun violence, we should all be able to agree that our response should be informed by sound scientific evidence. That's why we are asking you to take one simple step to prevent future tragedies by providing funds to CDC, NIH, and other related agencies for the purpose of conducting public health research on gun violence. This research would be consistent with other non-disease related research conducted by the CDC such as research on drowning prevention, intimate partner violence, and motor vehicle injuries. NIH also has a long history of supporting rigorous, peer-reviewed research on a wide variety of critical subjects, including ways to reduce firearm injuries and deaths in children. We believe research can lay the foundation for effective, evidence-based interventions that will save lives.

Whether it is horrific mass shootings or the often unreported gun violence that occurs every day in towns and cities across America—the call to action is clear. Instead of continuing with the status quo, let's direct the research community to investigate evidence-based interventions that could help prevent gun violence. For these reasons, we strongly urge you to provide \$50 million for gun violence research in the 2020 fiscal year. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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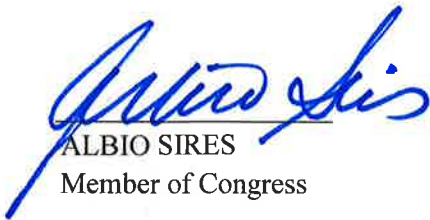
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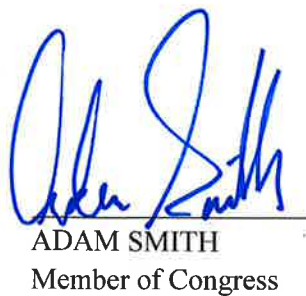
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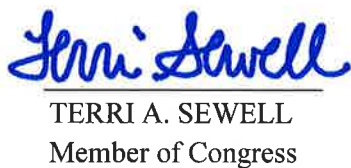

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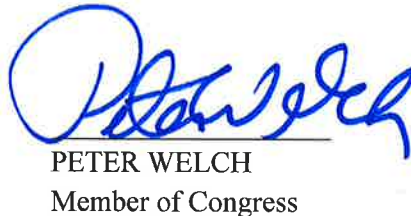

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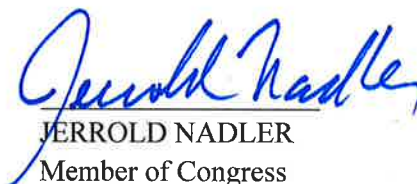

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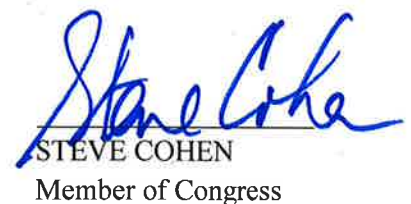

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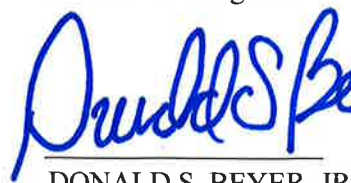

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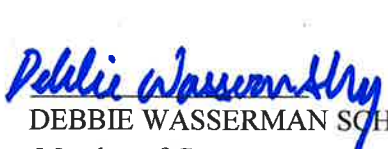

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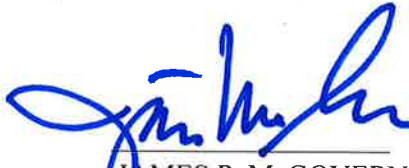

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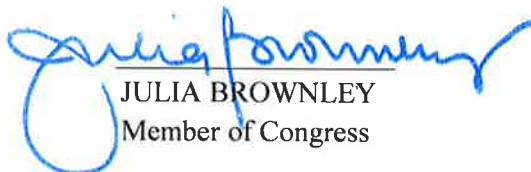

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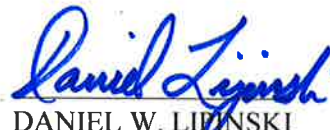

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