

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2201

February 4, 2021

President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C., 20500

Dear President Biden:

In the face of record national debt, the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, and a new understanding of regulatory flexibilities, we urge you to formally reconvene a President's Private Sector Survey on Cost Control (PPSSCC) or a similar advisory committee for the purpose of investigating and reporting on opportunities to cut waste and inefficiencies at the federal level.

The PPSSCC was created in 1982 by President Ronald Reagan's Executive Order 12369. The "Grace Commission," as it came to be known, was composed of more than 2,000 private sector citizens tasked with finding opportunities within Executive Branch operations to increase efficiency, reduce costs, and improve accountability. Fully funded by the private sector at no cost to the taxpayers, the Grace Commission's report made 2,478 recommendations that could save \$424.4 billion over three years once they were fully implemented.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Congress has authorized and appropriated record levels of emergency spending while many regulations have been temporarily suspended to streamline traditionally slow and inflexible bureaucratic processes to ensure timely relief to American citizens. We are learning about many regulations and red tape which may not have been necessary in the first place. On behalf of the American people, the federal government should take responsibility to address not just immediate crises like the pandemic, but also future threats like our rapidly growing national debt.

For this reason, a reconvening of the Grace Commission is necessary and in order – not as a catch-all solution, but as one action among many our Nation can take to preserve our future prosperity. While the commission should be nonpartisan and have no authority to implement its recommendations, the resulting report should light a path forward for Congress and the Executive Branch.

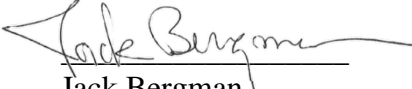
America expects that its government can multitask, working to mitigate multiple economic catastrophes current and future generations may be forced to confront. We are confident private citizens from across our Nation stand ready to assist you in forming regulatory and legislative recommendations to make our government more cost efficient. In fact, there are many private organizations currently rooting out government inefficiencies, and their expertise should be involved in this renewed effort. A modern Grace Commission originating from your new




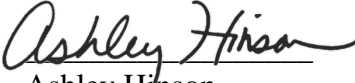
administration will demonstrate to the American people that their elected leaders are committed to good governance and lasting unity.

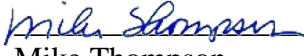
In your inauguration speech, you rightfully said, “this is our historic moment of crisis and challenge, and unity is the path forward.” We not only agree wholeheartedly, but we apply this same message to the coming challenges of our national debt. Thank you for your consideration of this request. We stand ready to work with your administration in a bipartisan manner on forming any such advisory committee in the spirit of the Grace Commission.

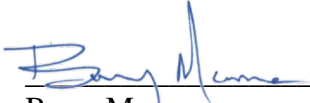
Sincerely,


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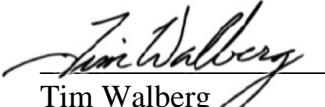

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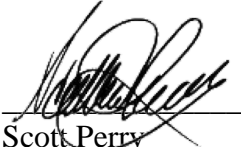

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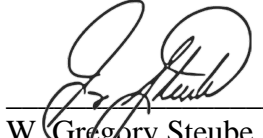

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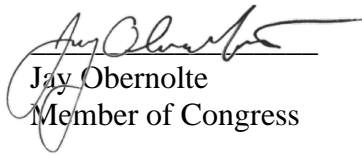

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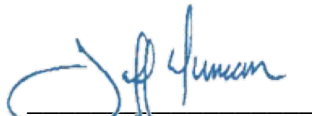

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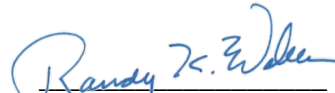

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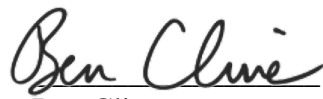

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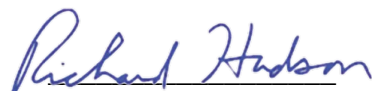

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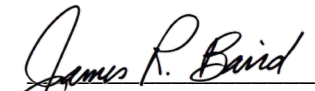

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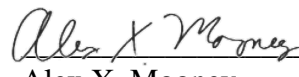

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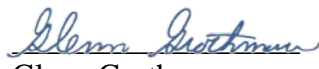

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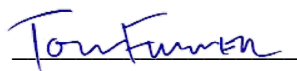

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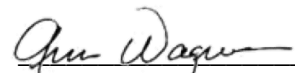

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