

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

December 21, 2018

The Honorable Mick Mulvaney
Office of Management and Budget
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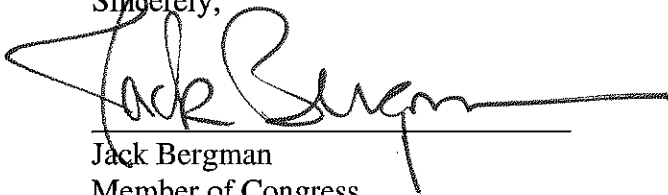
Dear Director Mulvaney:

We write to express our support for the construction of a new lock in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan and to thank the Administration for its efforts to support this critically important infrastructure. We respectfully request that OMB include continued funding for this project in the President's Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Request.

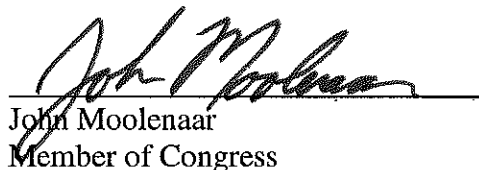
As you know, construction of a new lock will now officially begin following the allocation of \$32 million in the FY19 Army Corps workplan. The new 1,200 ft lock will add resiliency and reliability at the Soo Locks complex and decrease the risks to our nation of an unplanned outage at the Locks. With over 80 million tons of commodities transiting the Locks each year, construction of a new lock supports American manufacturing throughout the supply chain and in turn, the American economy. Adequate and consistent funding in FY20 is necessary to complete construction of the upstream channel deepening and approach walls and continue the design of the new lock chamber. Investments early on can create long term savings by reducing overall costs, and the new lock can be completed sooner, which lowers the risk of any major setbacks to the steel industry, the nation's economy, and our national defense.

We appreciate the efforts already made by the Administration on this project and look forward to working with you to make construction of the new lock a reality. Thank you for your consideration and commitment.

Sincerely,



Jack Bergman
Member of Congress



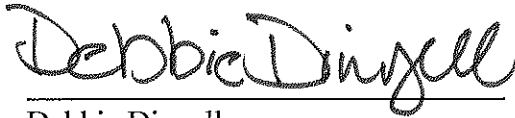
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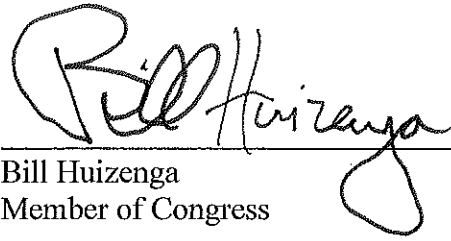
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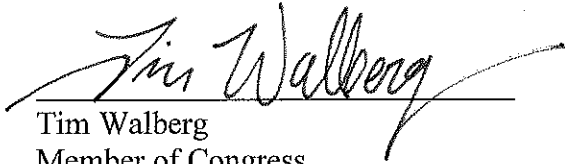
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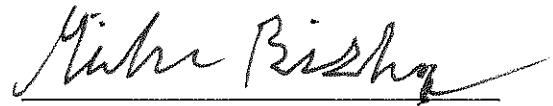
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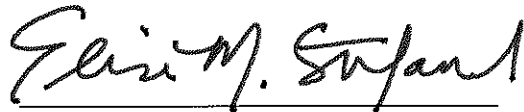
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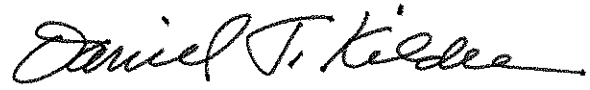
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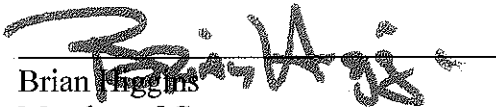
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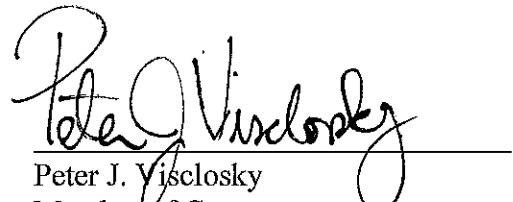
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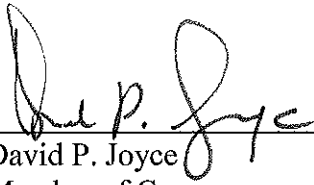
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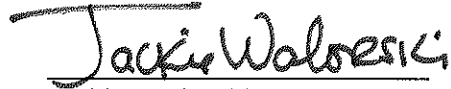
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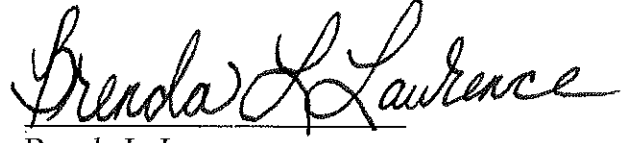
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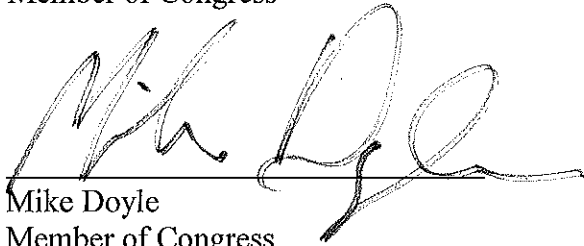
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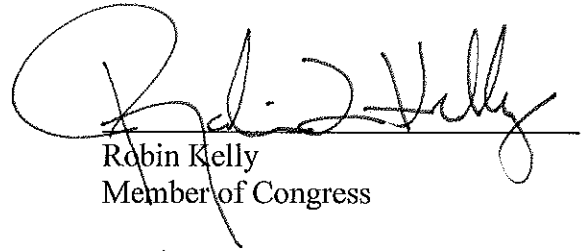
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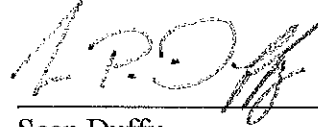
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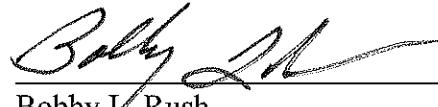
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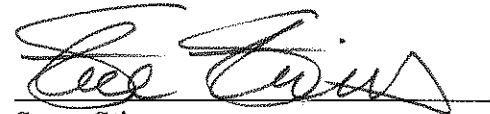
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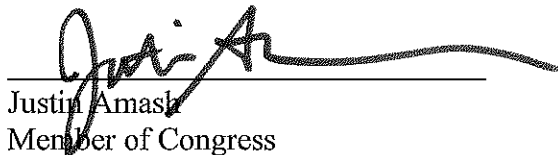
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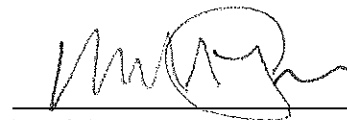
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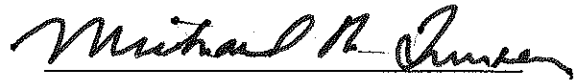
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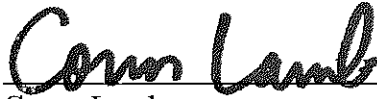
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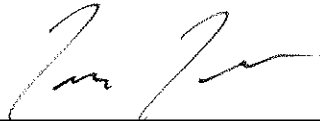
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