

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
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Dear President Trump:

We are writing to thank you for your unwavering commitment and leadership towards strengthening our military and defending our nation. After years of underinvestment during the previous administration, you have made providing the resources our men and women in uniform need a top priority.

As we continue working together to strengthen our national security, we are also writing today to share our strong support for your recent decision regarding the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty. We agree that Russia has been allowed to violate this treaty for far too long and the United States must take decisive action to protect our national security and the security of our allies.

Your administration has been very clear that Russian noncompliance with the INF Treaty poses a threat to the security of our nation and that Russia has shown an unwillingness to come back into compliance. The Nuclear Posture Review released earlier this year stated that:


Russia's increased reliance on nuclear capabilities to include coercive threats, nuclear modernization programs, refusal to negotiate any limits on its non-strategic nuclear forces, and its decision to violate the INF Treaty and other commitments all clearly indicate that Russia has rebuffed repeated U.S. efforts to reduce the salience, role, and number of nuclear weapons.

Additionally, the National Defense Strategy states that: "Long-term strategic competitions with China and Russia are the principal priorities for the Department [of Defense]." As we shift our strategy towards the return of great power competition, we cannot continue to allow our nation to be in a situation where we are bound by a treaty to which we are the only nation complying. President Obama's decision to maintain U.S. compliance with this treaty despite evidence of clear violations by Russia has allowed Russia—along with the Chinese who are not signatories

of this treaty—to grow their intermediate range missile force for years while the U.S. has done little to counter this threat.

We cannot allow the United States to continue to be taken advantage of by other nations. In your first two years in office you have demonstrated the courage and leadership necessary to defend America on the world stage. We fully support your decision to once again stand up for the interests of the United States and immediately withdraw from the INF Treaty.

Sincerely,



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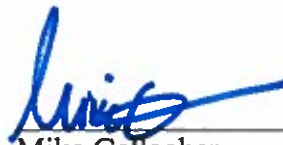
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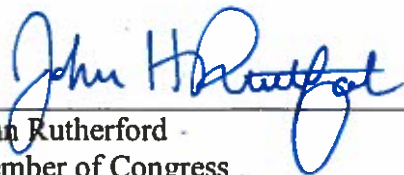
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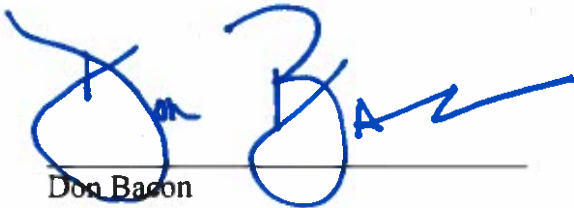
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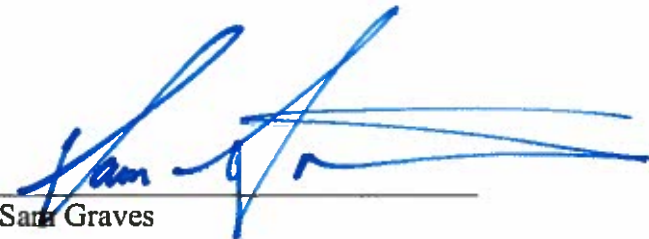
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