

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

November 27, 2017

The Honorable Rex Tillerson
Secretary of State
U.S. Department of State
2201 C St. NW
Washington, DC 20520-0005

Dear Secretary Tillerson,

As the sponsors and cosponsors of H.R. 377, the Muslim Brotherhood Terrorist Designation Act of 2017, we urge you to take action regarding the designation of the Muslim Brotherhood as a foreign terrorist organization (FTO). As you may know, 64 Members of Congress have cosponsored this bill, and we are adding new cosponsors every week.

While we strongly believe you should make a blanket designation of the Muslim Brotherhood as an FTO, we would be willing to support interim designations of the Muslim Brotherhood on a nation-by-nation basis. Specifically, Muslim Brotherhood chapters in Egypt, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates have participated in activities that meet the definition of terrorist activity under 212(a)(3)(B) of the Immigration and Nationality Act and 140(d)(2) of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 1988 and 1989 , and we believe the United States should take action and designate these national chapters as FTOs as soon as possible.

The governments of these respective countries have already labeled the Muslim Brotherhood as a terrorist organization, and by making our own nation-specific designation, it will allow us to place significant financial and travel restrictions on these individuals that engage in terror activities that threaten the national security of the United States. These nation-by-nation designations would achieve two purposes: first, these chapters and individuals will be marginalized and weakened by the designation; and two, it sends a strong signal to the remaining national Muslim Brotherhood chapters that they could be designated as well.

There is existing precedent for designating nation-specific terrorist organizations. The current FTO list includes nation-specific terrorist organizations. For example, Ansar al-Shari'a in Benghazi, Ansar al-Shari'a in Darnah and Ansar al-Shari'a in Tunisia are all separately designated.

Mr. Secretary, if you are not currently prepared to provide a blanket designation for the Muslim Brotherhood, then we strongly urge you to review the Muslim Brotherhood on a nation-by-nation basis in accordance with the requirements under section 219 of the Immigration and

Nationality Act. These designations would be an integral and influential step in the global fight against terrorism. We firmly believe the time to take action is now.

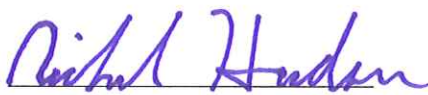
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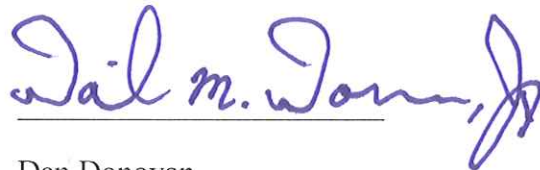
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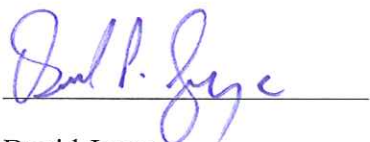
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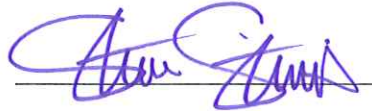
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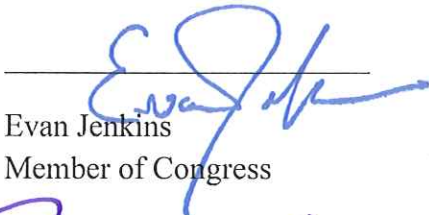
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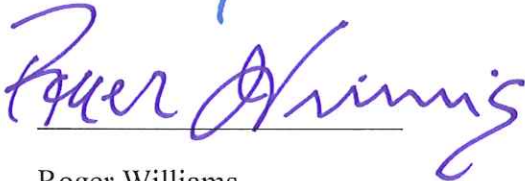
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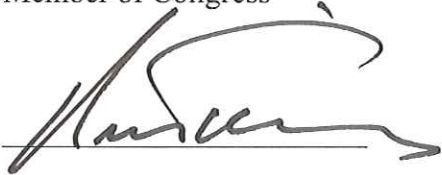
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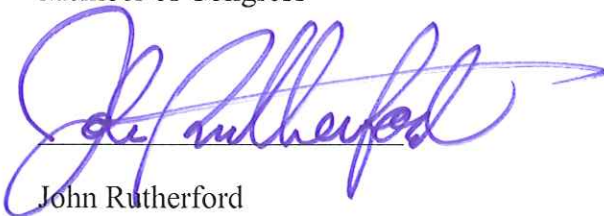
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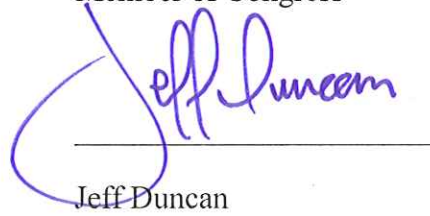
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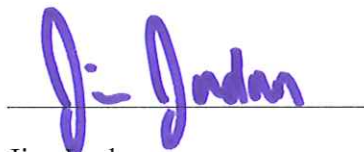
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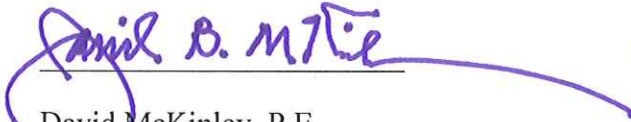
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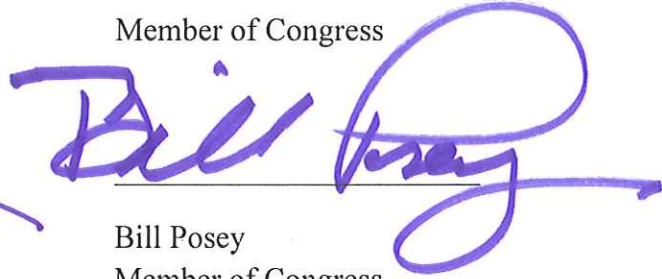
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