

Congressional Progressive Caucus

U.S. House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

September 17, 2014

The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker of the House of Representatives
United States Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Boehner,

The loss of four American lives, including Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens, on September 11, 2012 was a terrible tragedy. However, your decision to establish yet another investigation into Benghazi despite the thirteen hearings across eight different Congressional Committees, twenty-five thousand pages of documents and fifty briefings is redundant. Secretaries of State Clinton and Kerry and other Obama administration officials have answered repeated questions on this issue and we believe that Congress should refocus its attention on issues that address the real economic struggles of the American people. Thus, we urge you to establish a Select Committee on Income Inequality to focus on the issues that everyday people face instead of spending more than \$3.3 million of taxpayer money on an investigation that will not help families put food on the table.

As Members of Congress, we remain focused on the issues that touch Americans in their everyday lives. The growing income divide in America is no secret. Hardworking people can't find work, and when they do, their wages aren't always enough to cover their day-to-day needs. Renowned economist Thomas Piketty recently found that for the majority of people who work for a living, income inequality in America is "probably higher than in any other society at any time in the past, anywhere in the world." We find this unconscionable and it cannot continue.

Mr. Speaker, with respect to economic security in this country, you yourself recently said that "the American people are concerned about this issue, and our priorities will continue to be the priorities of the American people." Yet we wonder why you continue to prioritize politics over implementing policies that will help create good paying jobs that narrow the income gap. If House Republicans are serious about focusing on jobs and our economy, we again urge you to establish a Select Committee on Income Inequality to investigate and develop common sense solutions to our country's widening income gap.

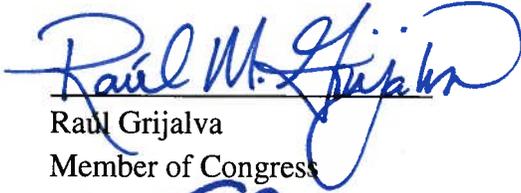
What happened in Benghazi was a tragedy, not a politically motivated scandal. No amount of hearings or select committees will change that fact. We urge you to stop the political witch hunt and focus on the issues that touch people at their kitchen tables.

Sincerely,

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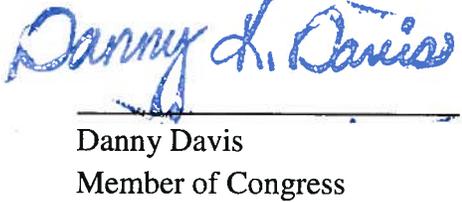
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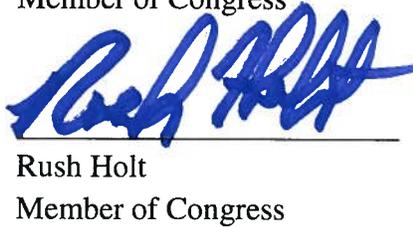

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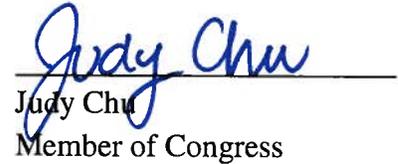

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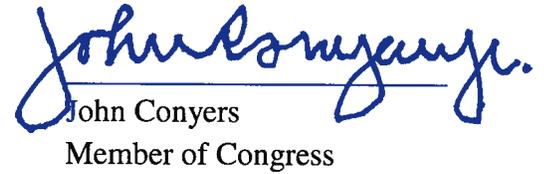

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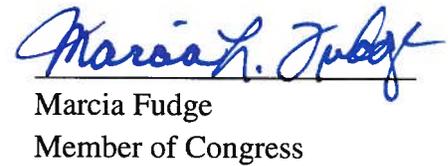

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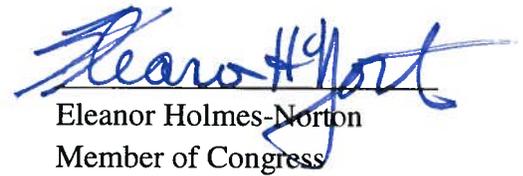

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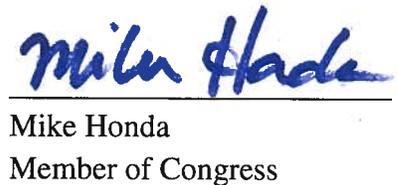

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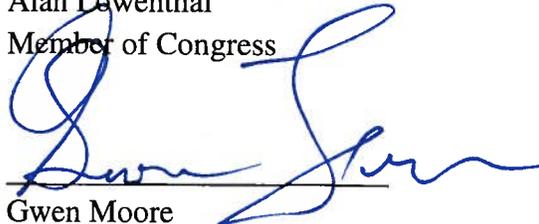
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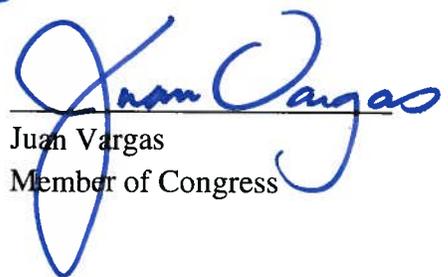
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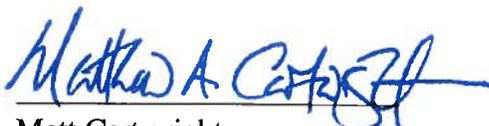
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