

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

March 20, 2026

The Honorable Ken Calvert  
Chairman  
Subcommittee for Defense  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-405 The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Betty McCollum  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee for Defense  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
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Dear Chairman Calvert and Ranking Member McCollum,

We greatly appreciate your efforts to advance U.S.-Israel defense cooperation—a critical investment that provides security and stability to the Middle East. As Israel continues to face hostilities from Iran and its proxies, sustained investment in Fiscal Year 2027 will be required for Israel to defend herself against aerial threats posed by hostile adversaries. As you begin to work on the FY 2027 Defense Appropriations Bill, we respectfully request \$500 million for U.S.-Israel missile defense programs, which aligns with the agreed upon ten-year Memorandum of Understanding and will be the amount requested in the President’s FY 2027 Missile Defense Administration Budget.

We request that the \$500 million should be divided into the following accounts, \$200 million of which for Procurement, and \$300 million for Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation (RDT&E).

*Procurement:*

- Continued co-production and procurement of Iron Dome system components and interceptors;
- Continued co-production and procurement of David’s Sling system components; and
- Continued co-production and procurement of Arrow Weapon System components and interceptors.

*RDT&E:*

- Continue to develop and upgrade David’s Sling, to meet evolving threats, including cruise missile threats; and
- Continue to develop and upgrade the Arrow Weapon System to meet evolving threats.

As you know, these programs remain essential to the safety and security of Israel. Over the past year, Iran and its terrorist proxies have continued to launch hundreds of missiles and drones at Israel—threatening civilian lives, critical infrastructure, and regional stability.

For the first time in history, all three Israeli–U.S. cooperative missile defense systems operated simultaneously to intercept thousands of short-, medium-, and long-range projectiles fired at Israel following the October 7th Hamas terrorist attacks. The operational success of the Arrow 2 and Arrow 3 systems was especially noteworthy, demonstrating the maturity and battlefield

effectiveness of decades of joint investment. Prioritizing and ensuring robust funding for these programs remains necessary to address the evolving threats posed by Iran and its proxies, all of which are developing increasingly advanced rocket, missile, and drone capabilities. These programs also continue to yield a tremendous return on investment for the United States in the form of economic, technological, and military benefits.

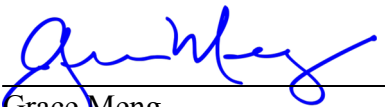
Benefits from U.S.–Israel missile defense cooperation extend well beyond the Middle East. Our forces face mounting challenges from an emboldened and increasingly capable Russia, North Korea, and other adversaries, heightening the immediate need for advanced missile defense technologies to protect forward-based forces and key installations. Information sharing, joint development, and live-fire exercises between the United States and Israel provide critical operational knowledge and readiness for our servicemembers.

Importantly, the lessons learned and technologies developed through U.S.–Israel missile defense cooperation directly contribute to strengthening U.S. homeland security. As the United States works to enhance its layered missile defense architecture to protect the American homeland from increasingly sophisticated missile and drone threats, the operational experience, sensor integration, interceptor development, and battle management expertise gained through cooperation with Israel provide invaluable insights and proven capabilities.

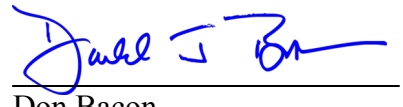
As our enemies grow more emboldened and capable, joint U.S.–Israel security cooperation is needed now more than ever. Cooperative missile defense programs are a clear win-win for the United States – saving lives, deterring aggression, preventing escalation, advancing American technological leadership, and protecting a vital, democratic ally.

During these challenging budgetary times, we must prioritize federal funding for programs where federal involvement has the greatest impact on the safety and security of the American people, our troops, and our allies. These highly advanced missile defense systems have consistently proven critical to Israel’s self-defense, and continued technological and operational advancements will be essential moving forward. We thank the Committee for its steadfast support and look forward to working together to sustain and strengthen this vital partnership between the United States and Israel.

Sincerely,



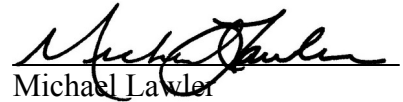
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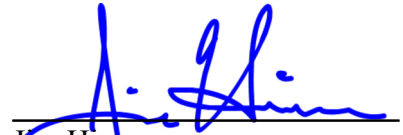
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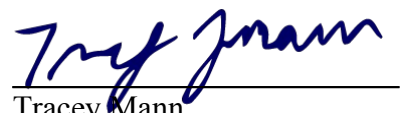
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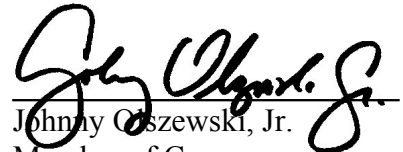
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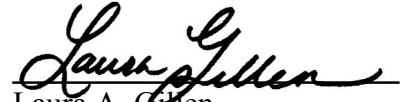
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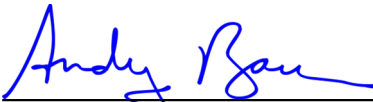
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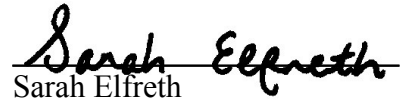
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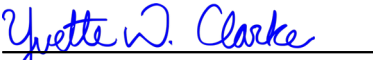
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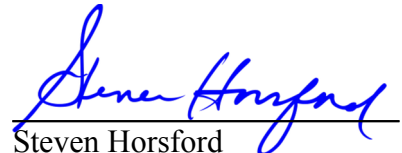
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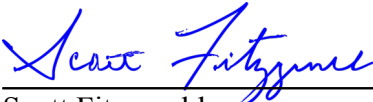
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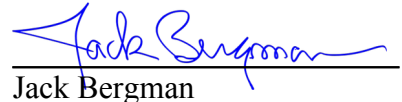
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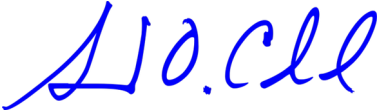
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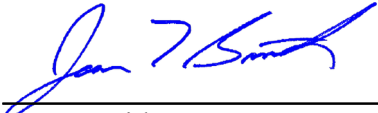


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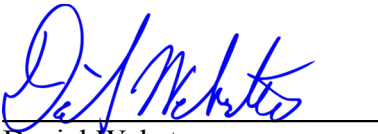
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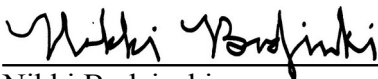
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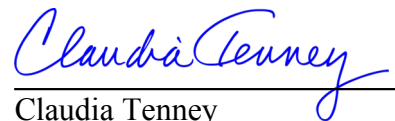
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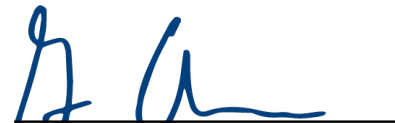
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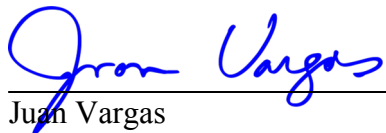
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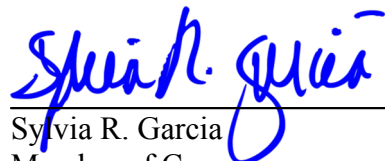
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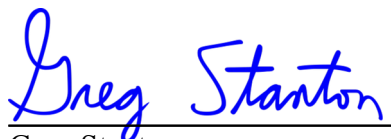
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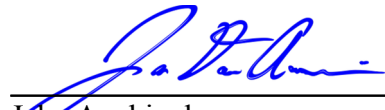
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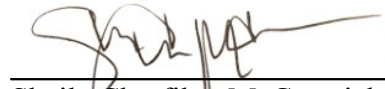
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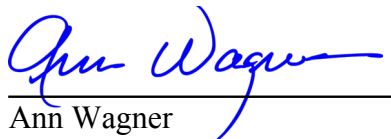
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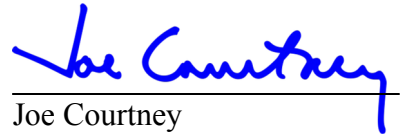
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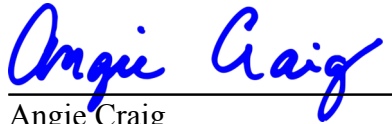
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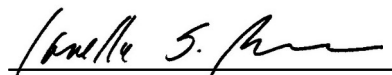
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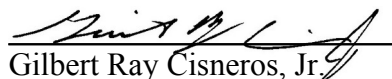
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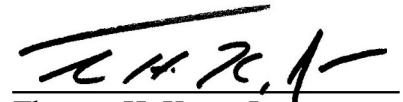
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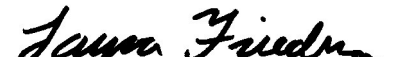



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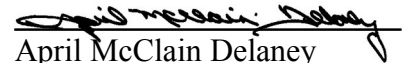


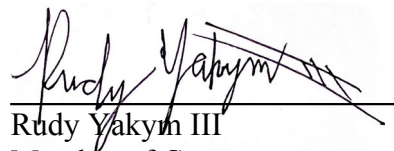
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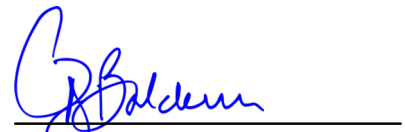
  
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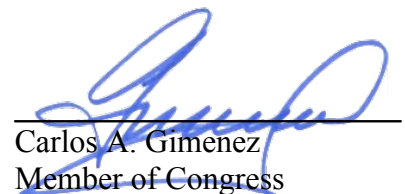
  
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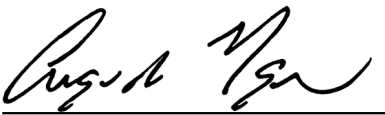
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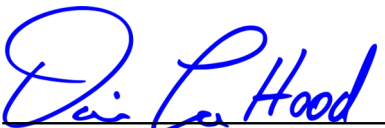
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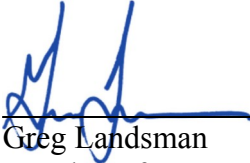
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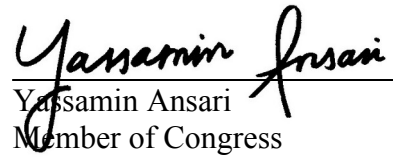
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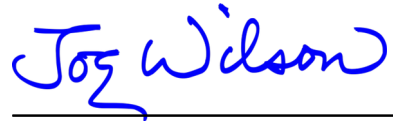
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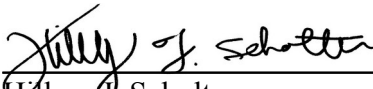
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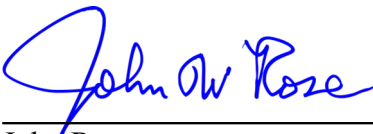
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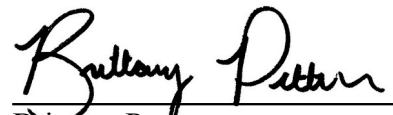
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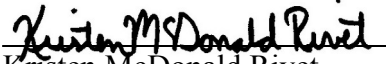
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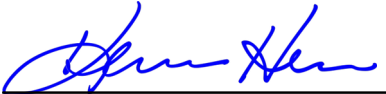


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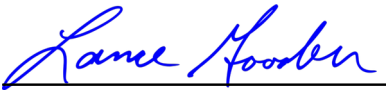


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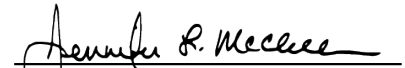
  
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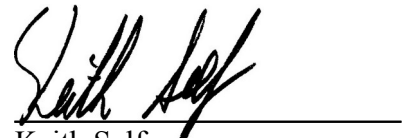
  
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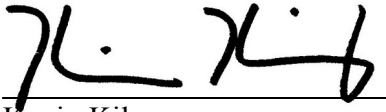
  
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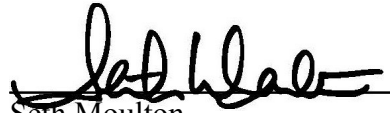
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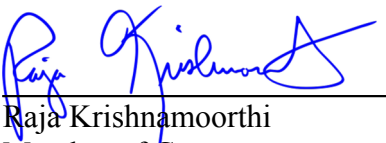
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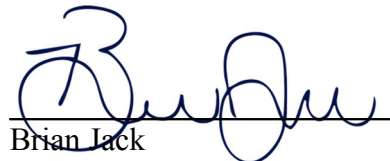
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