

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

President Donald Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest
Washington, D.C. 20500

June 27, 2018

Dear President Trump,

We write to you to express our concern about your failure, once again, to recognize June as Pride Month. This omission ignores the value of the more than 10 million Americans who belong to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community. Members of the LGBT community in the United States and across the world will continue to celebrate Pride Month with or without your support, however your administration's refusal to recognize June as Pride Month confirms to the LGBT communities here and around the world that you lack a commitment to the cause of equality for all people.

The tradition of Presidential recognition of Pride Month began in 1999 when President Clinton commemorated the 30th anniversary of the uprising at Stonewall Inn in Greenwich Village, New York City—one of the starting points of the modern LGBT rights movement. We note that you have chosen to recognize June 2018 as National Homeownership Month, National Ocean Month, African-American Music Appreciation Month, and Great Outdoors Month; yet, you have not acknowledged the annual commemoration of the positive impact of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals on our nation, or the memory of those LGBT Americans who have been the victims of violence and discrimination.

Two years ago, following the June 12 shooting at the Pulse nightclub—one of the worst mass shootings in the nation's history, which took 49 lives—you tweeted that you would “fight for” the LGBT community. While it is upsetting that you have chosen to not recognize June as Pride Month, other policies and actions you and your administration have embraced continue to negatively affect millions of LGBT Americans. Executive branch nominations and policies that openly discriminate against LGBT individuals do great and lasting harm not only to the LGBT community but to our nation's role as a leader on civil and human rights. We urge you to fulfill your promise to the LGBT community by enacting policies and supporting legislation, such as the bi-partisan, bi-cameral Equality Act, which would protect and ensure equality for all under the law.

The LGBT community has faced centuries of discrimination and harassment. Despite years of progress toward equality, there is still much more to be done. We urge you to stand with the LGBT community and issue a proclamation recognizing June as LGBT Pride Month and we

further implore you to support policies that ensure equality for all Americans, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

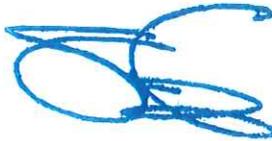
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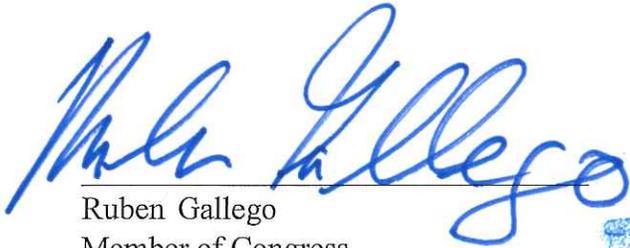
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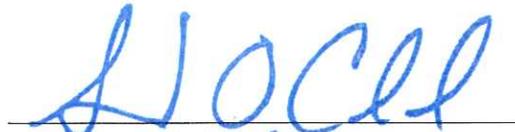
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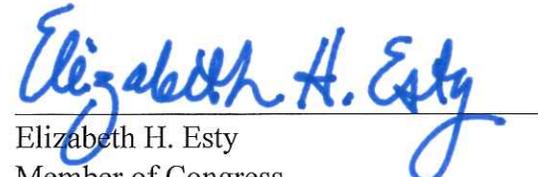


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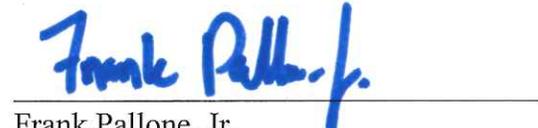


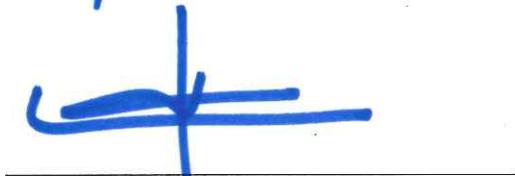
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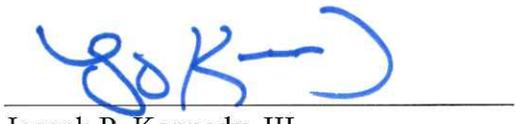

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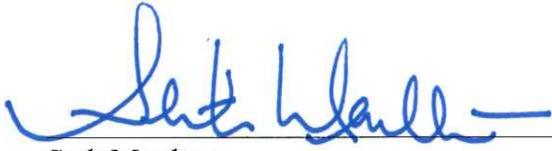

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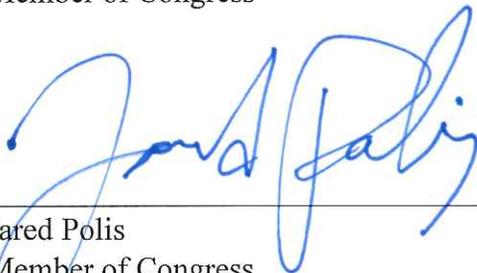
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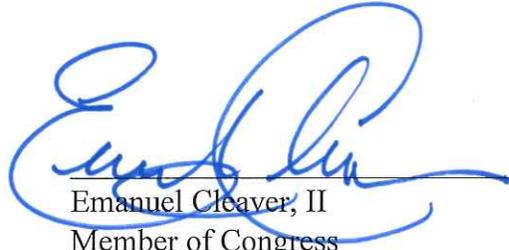
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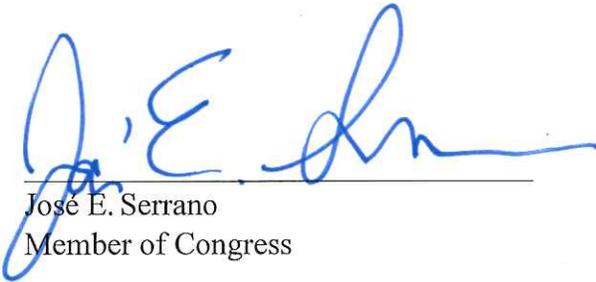
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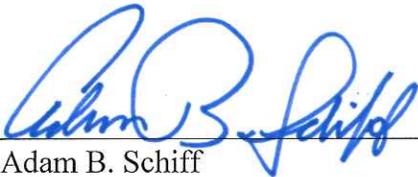
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