



State of Connecticut
CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY
STATE CAPITOL
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106-1591



June 20, 2005

Brigadier General Sue E. Turner
2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission (BRAC)
2521 South Clark Street
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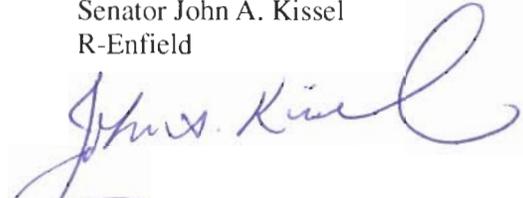
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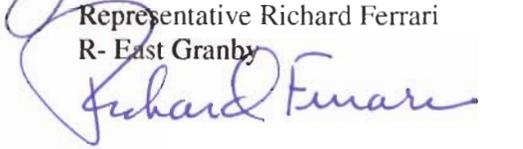
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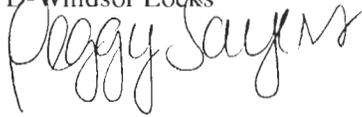
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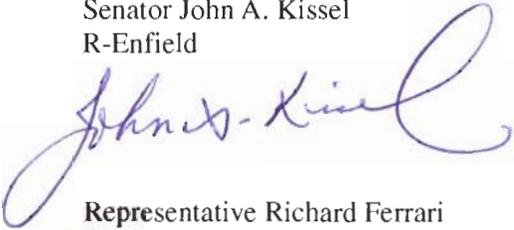
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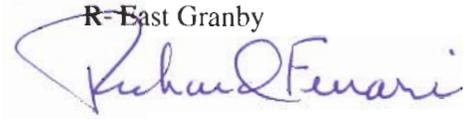
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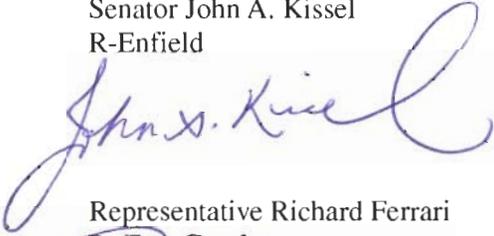
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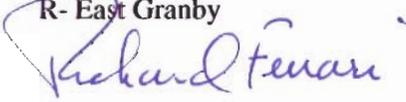
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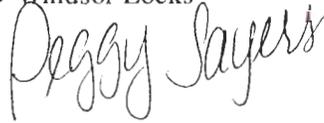
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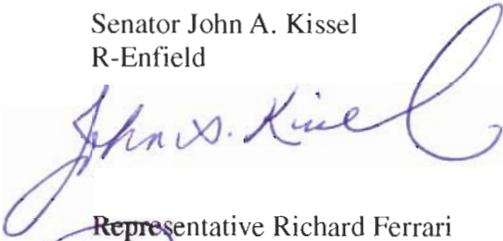
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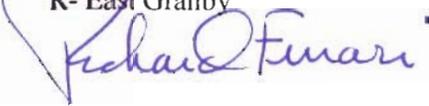
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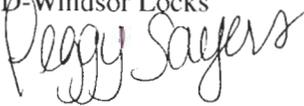
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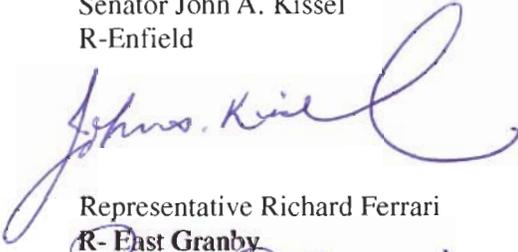
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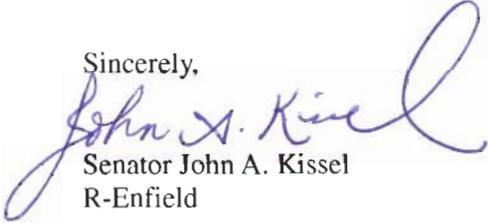
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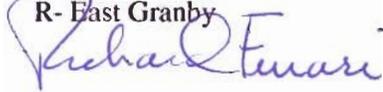


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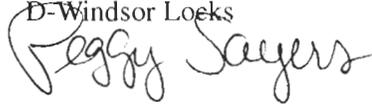
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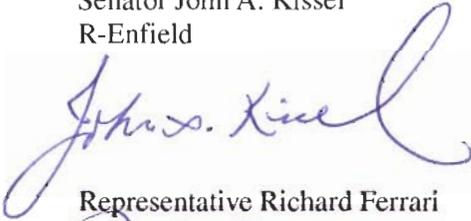
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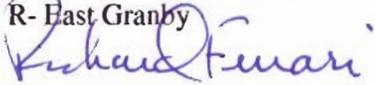
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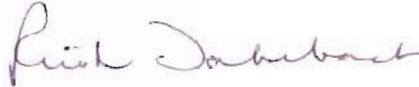
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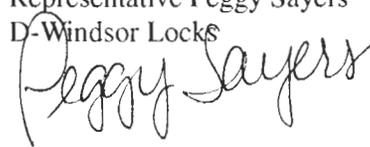
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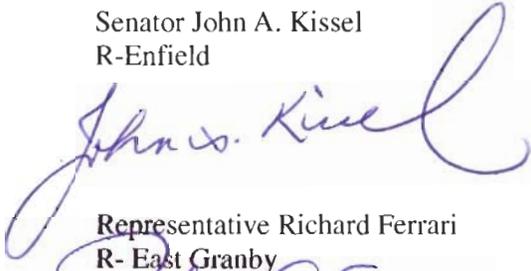
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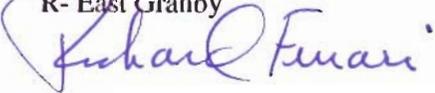
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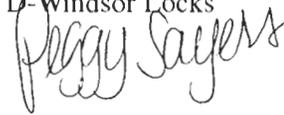
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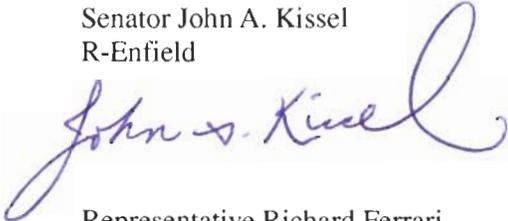
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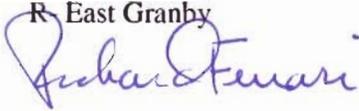
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