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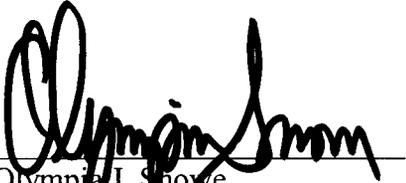
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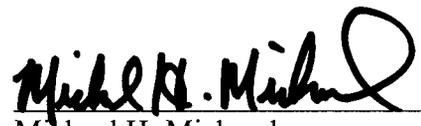
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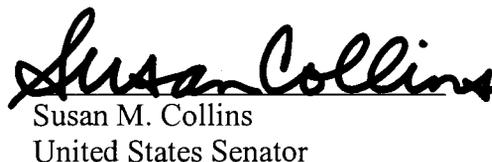
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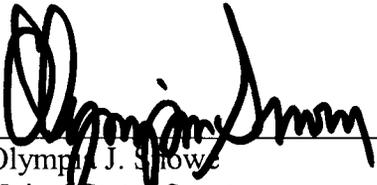
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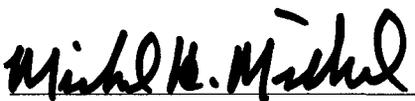
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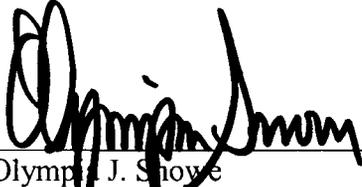
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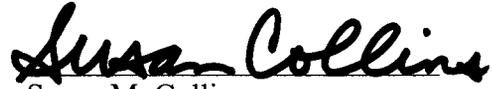
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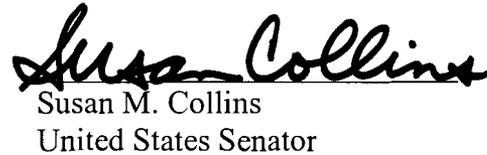
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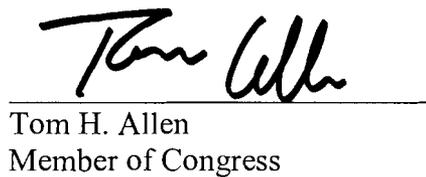
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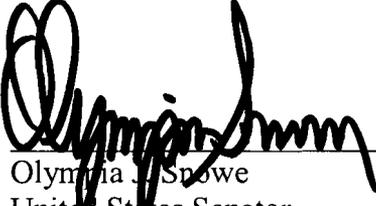
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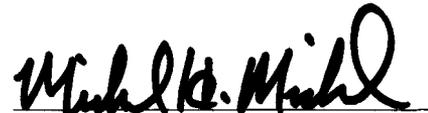
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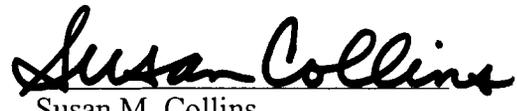
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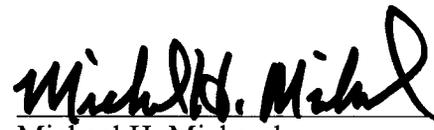
We appreciate all of your hard work in ensuring that the Pentagon's recommendations were formulated fairly, openly, and objectively. As you conduct your review, we hope that you will investigate this particular error of great concern to Maine and our nation.

Sincerely,

  
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