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President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Biden,

Following the recent report from Special Counsel Robert Hur, we write to express our grave concerns with your current cognitive state and ability to successfully execute the duties of the Presidency, including as Chief Executive, Head of State, and Commander in Chief. In his report, Special Counsel Hur described you as a “well-meaning, elderly man with a poor memory.”¹ The President of the United States must demonstrate sound mental abilities, regardless of gender, age, or political party, which you have not. If you are too mentally impaired to stand trial, as your own Department of Justice claims, then we are concerned that your mental state is not at a competent level to serve as the leader of the free world. Therefore, we call on you to submit to a clinically validated cognitive screening assessment and make those results available to the public.

As you may recall, Congress has called on you to submit to a cognitive exam on four separate occasions during your Presidency, however each of those requests have been ignored. If you are unwilling, or simply unable to sit for a cognitive exam, then we urge your Cabinet to begin the process for invocation of the 25th Amendment.

Since being sworn in, you have undergone two physical exams, to which the White House Physician, Kevin O’Connor, D.O., has claimed that you are a “healthy, vigorous, 80-year-old male, who is fit to successfully execute the duties of the Presidency.”² However, this statement was based on a physical exam which apparently excluded the evaluation of your cognitive and mental abilities and is not consistent with the recent report by Special Counsel Hur and the opinion of the American public based on your cognitive difficulty over the past three years.

The American people have completely lost faith in your ability to execute your duties effectively and completely as the President of the United States. According to a recent poll from NBC News, 76 percent of voters say they have major or moderate concerns about you not having the necessary mental and physical health to be president.³ This is not a partisan issue. A recent poll

¹ <https://www.justice.gov/storage/report-from-special-counsel-robert-k-hur-february-2024.pdf>

² <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Health-Summary-2.16.pdf>

³ <https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/2024-election/bidens-age-fitness-top-list-voters-concerns-poll-finds-rcna137212>

from ABC News and Ipsos also found 73 percent of Democrats feel you are too old and unfit for another term.⁴

Over the past three years, your mental decline and forgetfulness has become even more apparent. It is a common occurrence to see you shuffling your feet, stumbling while walking, slurring your words, forgetting names, losing your train of thought, and appearing confused or asleep when making public appearances here at home and on the world stage.

Earlier this month, during an event in Las Vegas, you confused French President Emmanuel Macron with the late President Francois Mitterrand, who died nearly thirty years ago, when telling a story about the G7 summit.⁵ Just a few days later, you mixed up former German Chancellor Angela Merkel with the late German Leader Helmut Kohl twice while speaking at events in New York.⁶ Even when attempting to rebut the findings of Special Counsel Hur's report, you mistakenly referred to Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi as the "President of Mexico."⁷ These occurrences do not exemplify the leadership our allies have come to expect from the President of the United States, which is paramount to deterring our adversaries and maintaining peace across the globe.

Your failed withdrawal from Afghanistan, combined with your obvious mental decline, has only emboldened our adversaries across the globe. This is apparent by Russia's invasion of Ukraine, Hamas' horrific assault against Israel, Iranian backed terrorist proxies' strikes against American interests throughout the Middle East and Red Sea, and the invasion occurring at our southern border.

While the prevalence of your "gaffes" continues to increase and creates a serious national security concern, President Xi Jinping and the Chinese Communist Party continue to modernize their military at an alarming rate while showing a clear indication of an intent to invade Taiwan in the near future. Unfortunately, we fear that your perceived cognitive deterioration is inviting Beijing to take this military action, as there is significant doubt surrounding your ability to execute the duties required of the President of the United States and prevent further global conflicts from arising or escalating.

Citizens of the United States should have absolute confidence in their President and know that he or she can perform their duties as Head of State and Commander in Chief. The American people deserve complete transparency on the mental capabilities of their highest elected leader. The national security of the United States relies on a cognitively sound Commander in Chief; however, you no longer appear to exhibit this vital quality, and it is the unfortunate reality that your cognitive ability will only continue to decline throughout the remainder of your time as President of the United States. Therefore, we call on you to either submit to a clinically validated

⁴ <https://nypost.com/2024/02/11/news/whopping-86-of-voters-feel-biden-is-too-old-to-finish-another-term-poll/>

⁵ <https://www.politico.eu/article/emmanuel-macron-joe-biden-mixes-mitterrand-who-died-in-1996/>

⁶ <https://www.forbes.com/sites/cailevgleeson/2024/02/08/biden-mixes-up-angela-merkel-with-dead-german-leader-in-second-slip-up-this-week/?sh=260481e2234c>

⁷ <https://www.forbes.com/sites/antoniopequenoiv/2024/02/08/biden-calls-egypts-sisi-president-of-mexico-after-blasting-memory-concerns-from-special-counsel-report/?sh=49ed2fa47f83>

cognitive screening assessment and make such results available to the public, or we call on your Cabinet to swiftly begin the process for invoking the 25th Amendment and relieve you from your duties as the President of the United States.

The American people can no longer be left to wonder about their safety and security because of your declining cognitive ability. If you believe you are cognitively fit for duty, then you should prove it to the American people by submitting to appropriate clinical exam and testing. More importantly, failure of such testing and examination will give your Cabinet the necessary insight and legitimate cause to invoke the 25th Amendment.

We encourage you to finally listen to the concerns of the American people and make the decision that best serves our country.

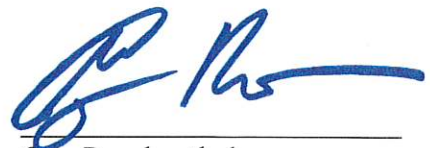
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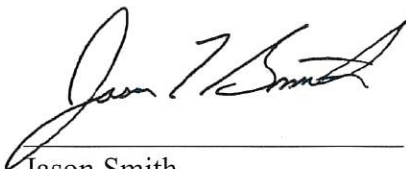
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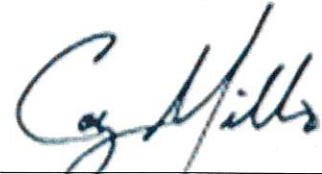
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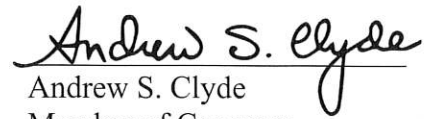
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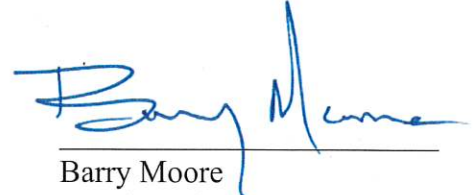
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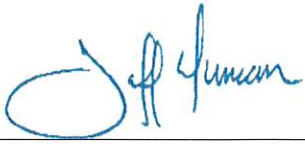
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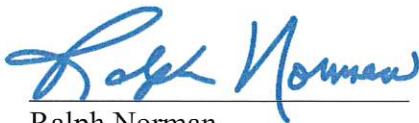
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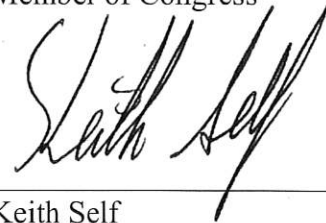
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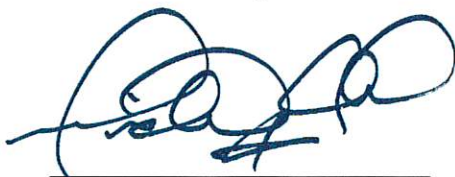
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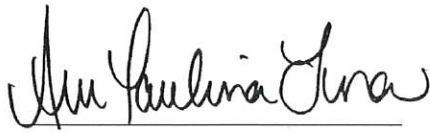
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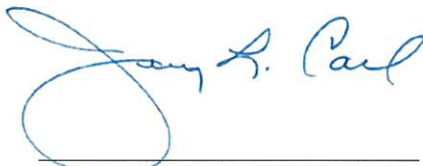
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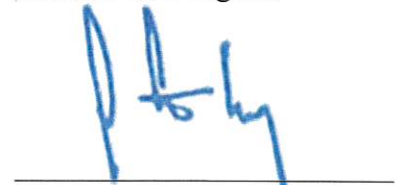
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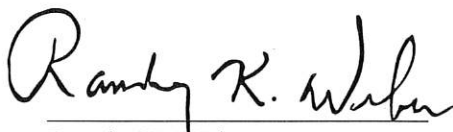
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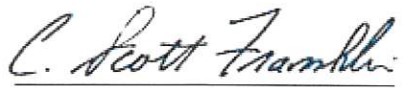
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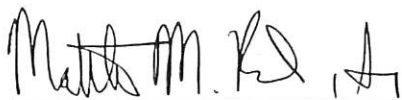
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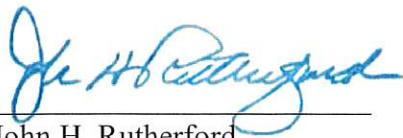
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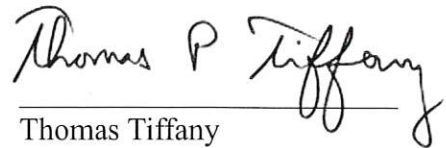
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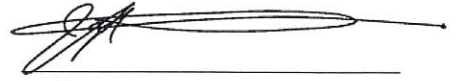
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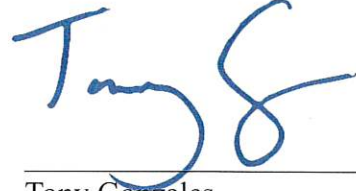
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