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Congressman Randy Hultgren
427 Cannon HOB
Washington, DC 20515

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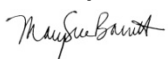
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1717 Longworth HOB
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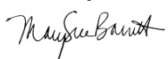
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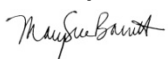
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2268 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

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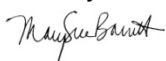
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