

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

July 20th, 2017

The Honorable Paul Ryan
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
H-232, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
House Majority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
H-107, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Chairman Bob Goodlatte
House Committee on the Judiciary
2138 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Ryan, Majority Leader McCarthy, and Chairman Goodlatte:

We write regarding legislation that will secure residency for Charlie Gard and his parents. As you know, this is a time-sensitive issue related to a child's fight for his life and the right of his parents to seek care for his condition. We urge you to bring legislation to the floor for a vote before the House of Representatives adjourns for the month of August.

As you know, eleven-month-old Charlie Gard suffers from the rare genetic condition, infantile-onset encephalomyopathic mitochondrial DNA depletion syndrome (MDDS), which causes progressive muscle weakness and brain damage. London's Great Ormond Street Hospital planned to remove Charlie's life support. His parents oppose this course of action and have been requesting experimental treatment that could improve his condition since last November. They have now raised sufficient funds to come to the U.S. to receive treatment from doctors who are specialized in MDDS. However, the Family Division of Britain's High Court denied his parents' request to travel to the U.S. for the experimental treatment.

Legislation has been introduced that would grant lawful permanent resident status in the U.S. to Charlie Gard and his parents in order that he may come to the U.S. to receive medical treatment and continue to fight for his life.

Not only does experimental treatment provide the only chance to save Charlie's life, it also offers the opportunity for Charlie to positively impact the chance of recovery for others suffering from this condition in the future. Time is of the essence in this little boy's life. Once again, we respectfully urge you to bring legislation to the floor before the House adjourns.

Sincerely,


Jaime Herrera Beutler
Member of Congress

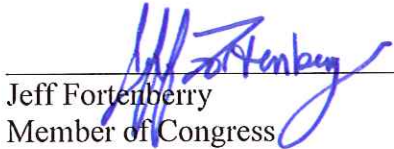

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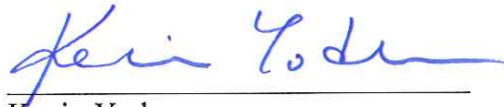
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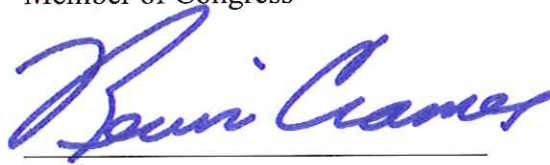
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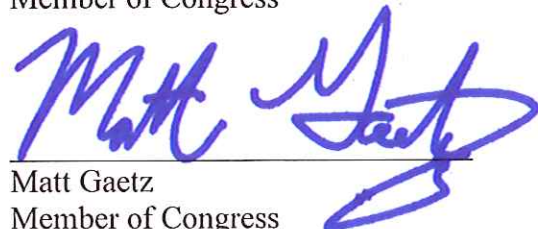
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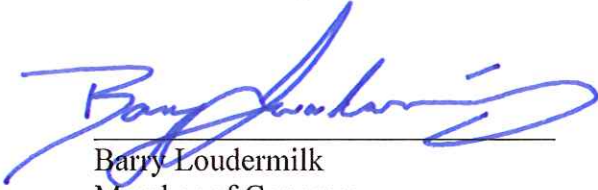
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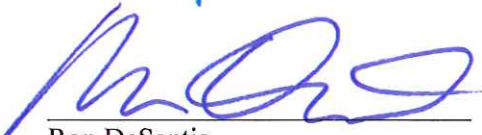
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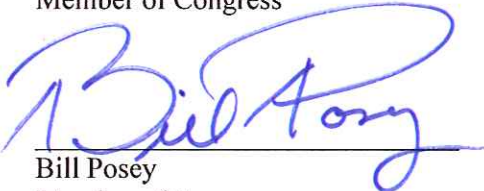
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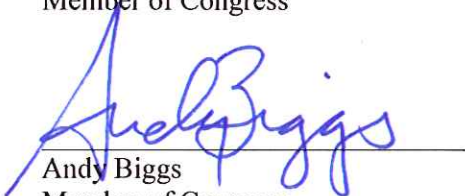
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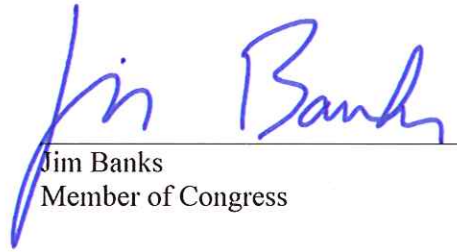
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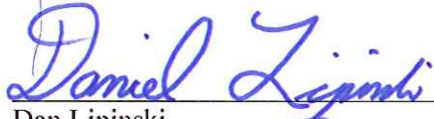
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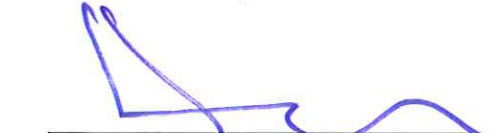
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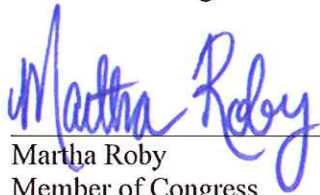
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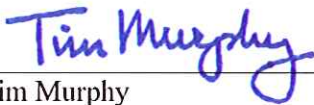
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