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Washington, DC 20515

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Chairman Henry Bonilla  
House Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural  
Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies  
2362 Rayburn Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Ranking Member Marcy Kaptur  
House Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural  
Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies  
1016 Longworth Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Bonilla and Ranking Member Kaptur:

As members of the Congressional Wine Caucus, we respectfully request \$27.7 million in the FY03 Agriculture Appropriations bill to fight Pierce's disease and its vector the glassy-winged sharpshooter, which continue to pose a major threat to vineyards in California.

The American wine industry, which annually generates \$45 billion in wages, revenues, and economic activity, has the eradication of Pierce's disease as its number one priority. The unprecedented federal/state/industry partnership over the past two years has significantly helped to temporarily contain and control the sharpshooter. However, additional funding is needed to fight this devastating disease.

The requested funds will leverage moneys that wineries and grape growers, together with state and local governments, will continue to contribute over the next few years. Specifically, federal support is needed as follows:

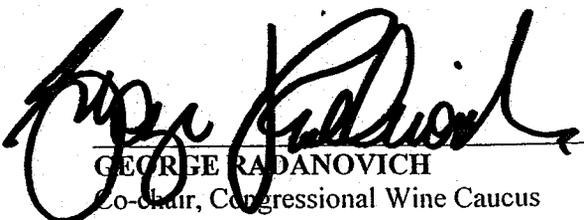
- \$2 million from the Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSREES) to the University of California (U.C.) as a special Pierce's disease research grant;
- \$2 million from CSREES to the Viticulture Consortium;
- \$2 million from CSREES for U.C. Riverside's Exotic Pest Center;
- a \$400,000 increase (over the current \$540,000) for sustainable viticulture Agriculture Research Service (ARS) positions at U.C. Davis;
- \$17.5 million to Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) for containment and control (trappings/inspections/implementing county plans); and
- \$3.8 million to ARS for Pierce's Disease research.

Thank you for your consideration of this important request. We appreciate the difficult task you and the other members of the Subcommittee have and, as such, we deeply appreciate your consideration. Please call us if you need additional information.

Sincerely,



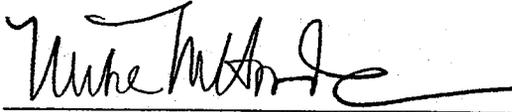
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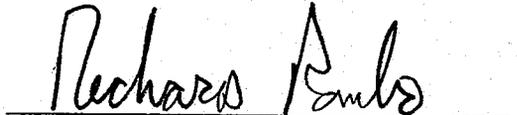
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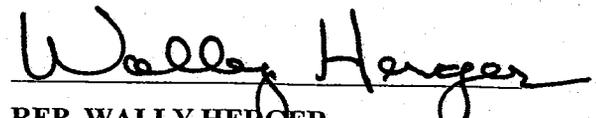
  
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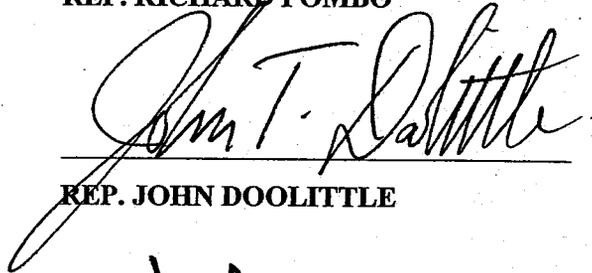
  
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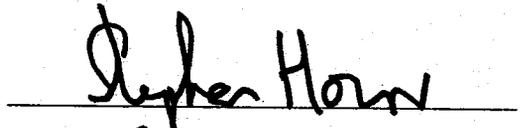
  
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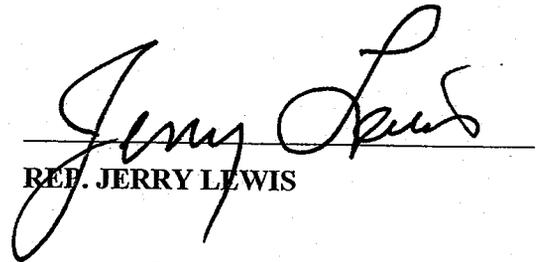
  
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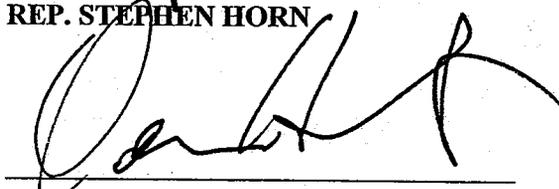
  
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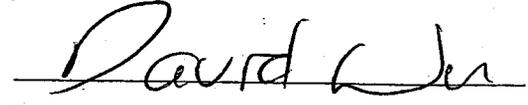
  
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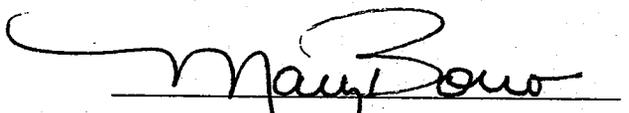
  
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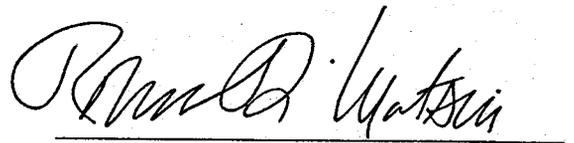
  
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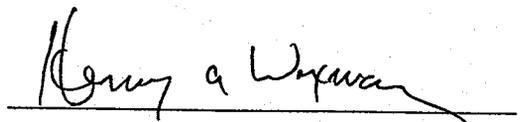
  
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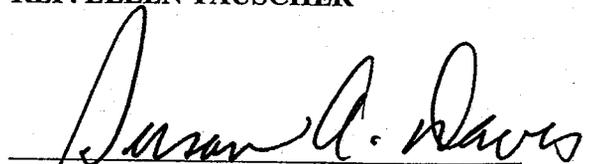
  
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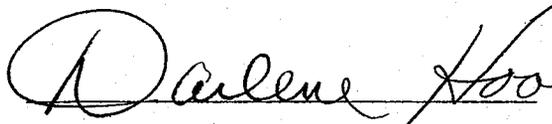
  
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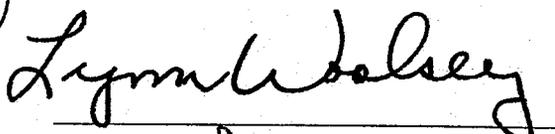
  
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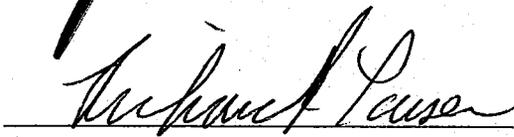
  
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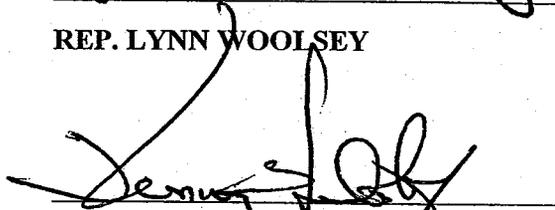
  
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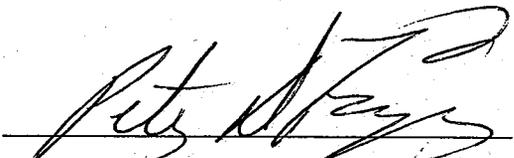
  
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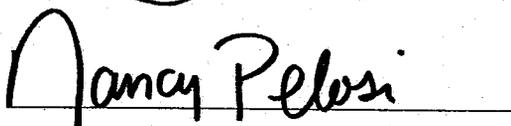
  
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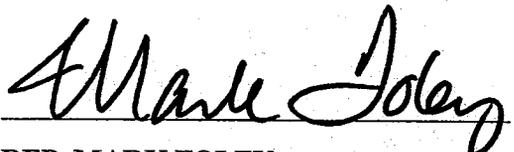
  
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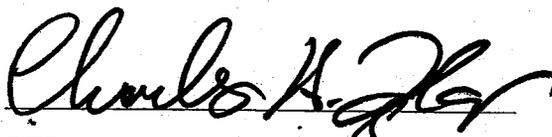
  
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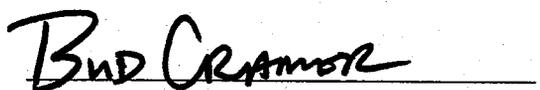
  
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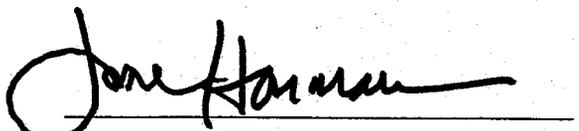
  
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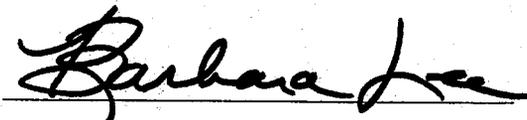
  
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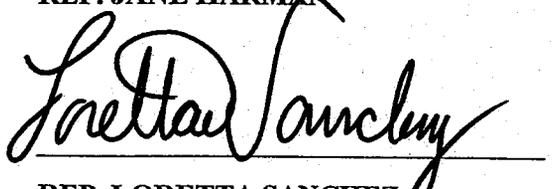
  
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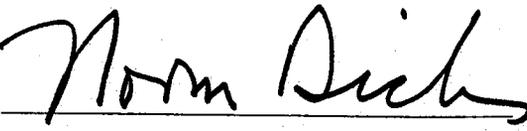
  
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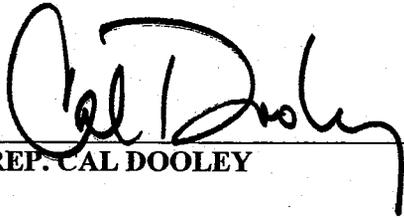
  
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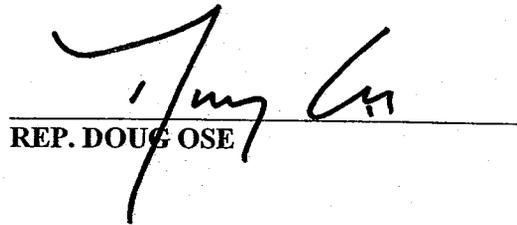
  
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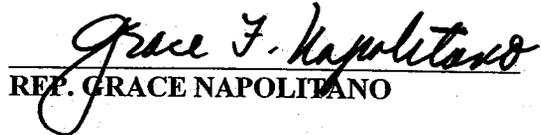
  
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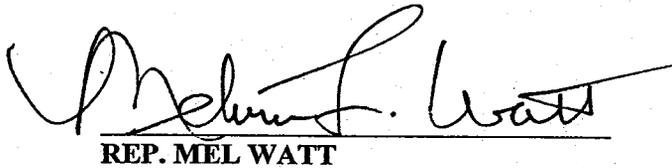
  
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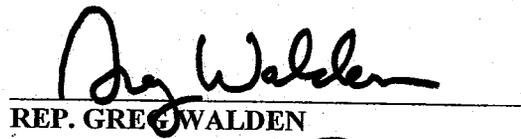
  
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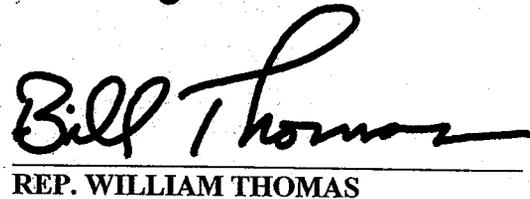
  
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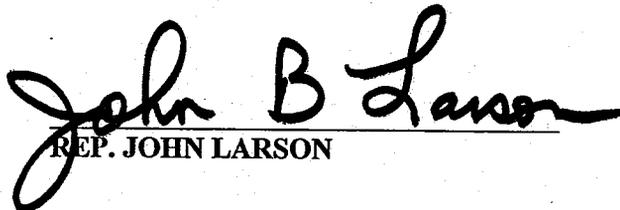
  
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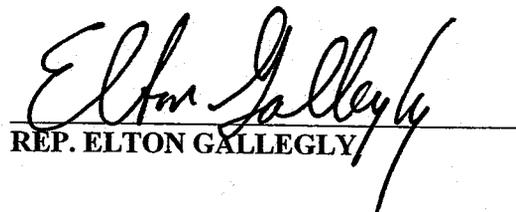
  
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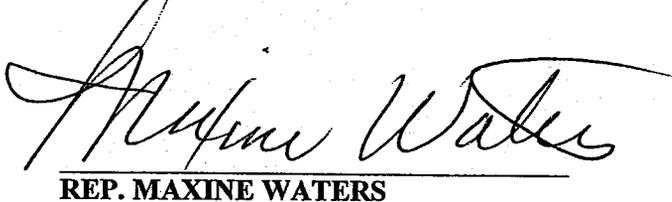
  
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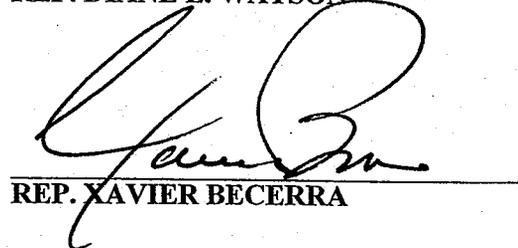
  
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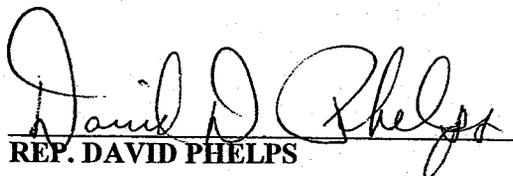
  
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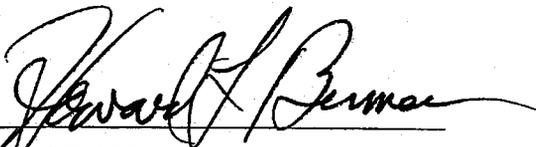
  
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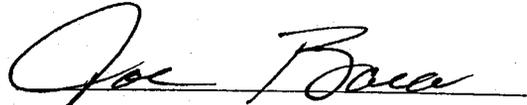
  
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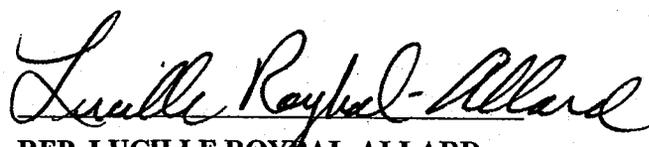
  
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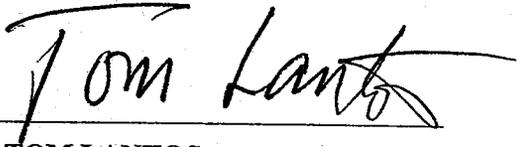
  
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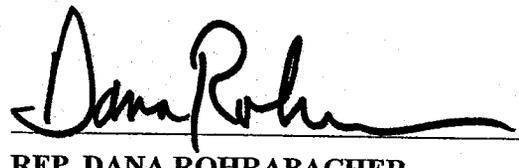
  
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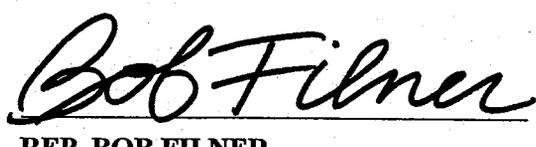
  
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