

November 14, 2007

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House  
US House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Harry Reid  
Majority Leader  
US Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable John Boehner  
Minority Leader  
US House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Minority Leader  
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Dear Speaker Pelosi and Leaders Reid, Boehner and McConnell:

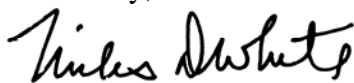
As Chief Executives of some of our country's largest companies, we know you share our view that American leadership in the global economy has produced enormous benefits for our country in terms of job creation and economic growth. It is essential to sustain this record of success in the years ahead. However, we wish to express serious concerns about legislation under consideration in Congress that we believe will jeopardize this progress.


Of particular concern are the legislative proposals targeting the U.S.-China trading relationship. We recognize that China's rise as a major international economic player has presented important challenges that the United States and other nations must continue to address. From currency valuation, product safety, and intellectual property protection to other key matters, we share the view that more action needs to be taken. Where we differ is how to achieve the results we all want.

We, for example, are opposed to bills and amendments that establish unilateral trade penalties that will likely be found to violate our international obligations and invite reciprocal actions. We believe a more effective and prudent course of action is to continue to engage directly with the Chinese Government on issues of mutual concern.

America can prosper in the global economy if we are strategic about the policies and objectives we as a nation pursue. We urge you as leaders of Congress, not to take action that could undermine U.S. competitiveness and jeopardize national interests and goals, particularly with respect to a nation as important as China.

Sincerely,

  
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Chairman and CEO  
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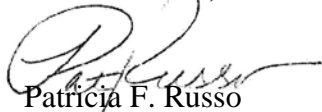
  
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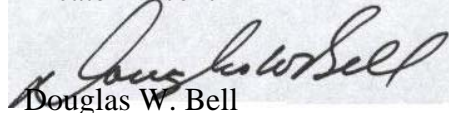
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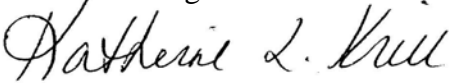
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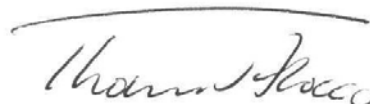
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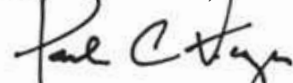
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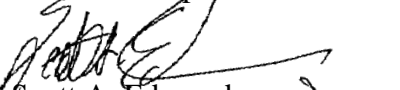
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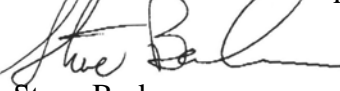
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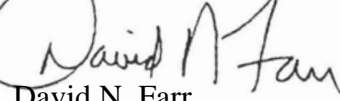
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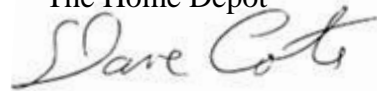
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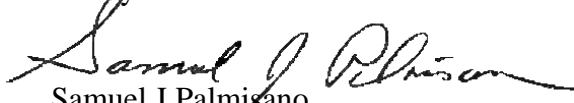
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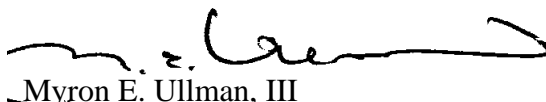
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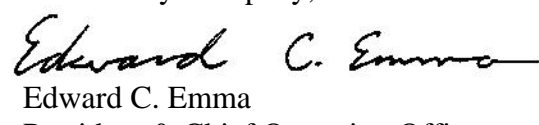
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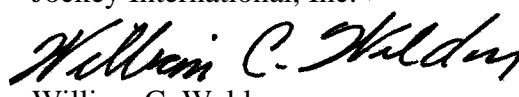
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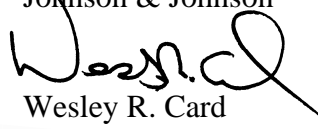
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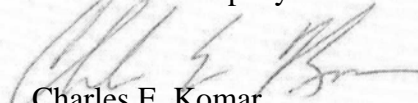
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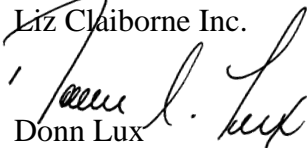
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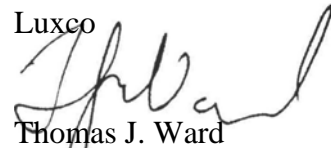
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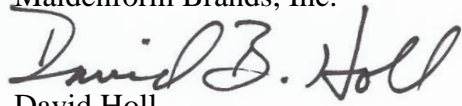
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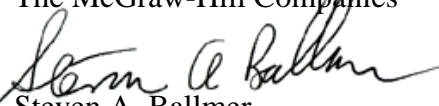
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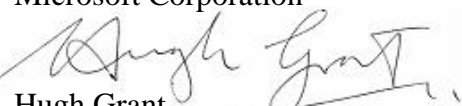
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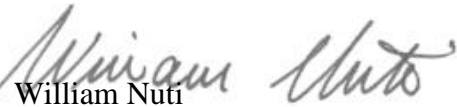
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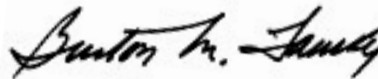
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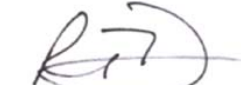
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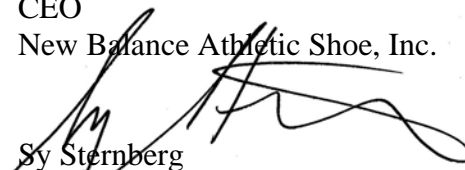
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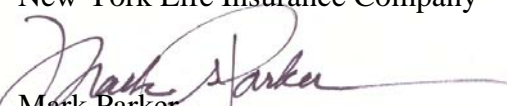
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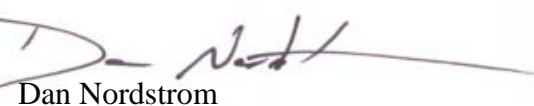
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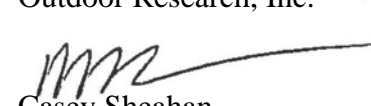
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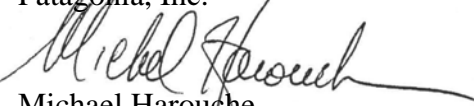
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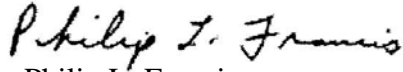


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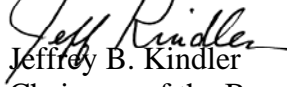
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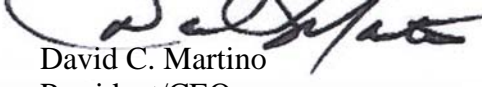
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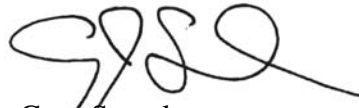
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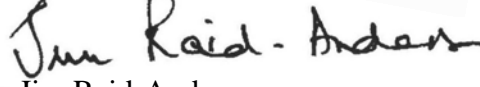
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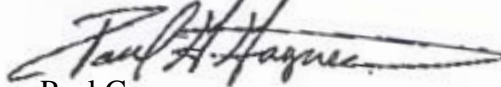
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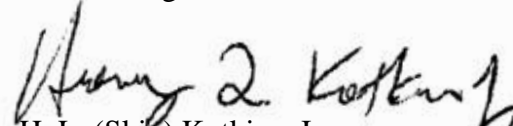
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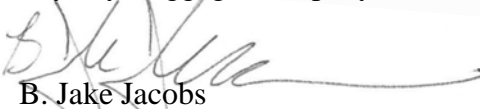
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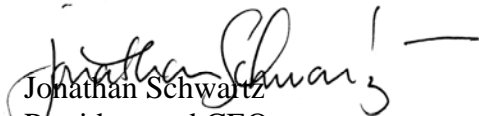
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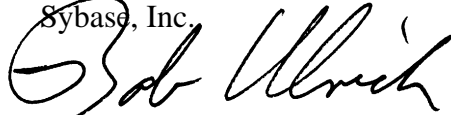
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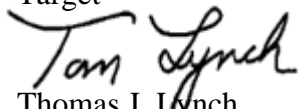
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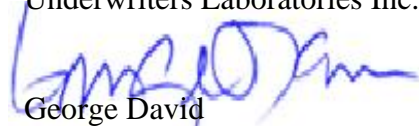
  
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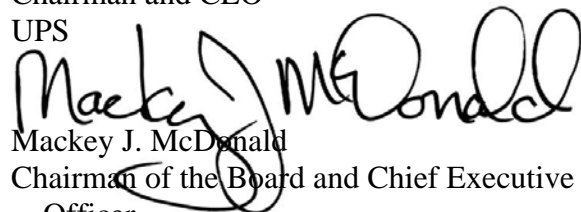
  
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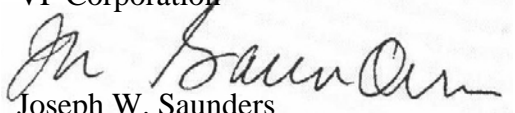
  
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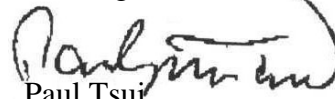
  
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