

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

March 6, 2019

Honorable Lindsey Graham
Chairman
U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Graham:

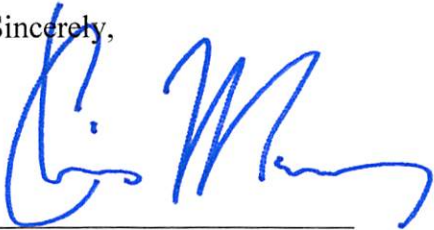
Last week, in a huge bipartisan vote, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 8, the Bipartisan Background Checks Act, by a vote of 240-190.

A similar bill, S. 42, the Background Check Expansion Act, is currently pending in the Judiciary Committee. Statistics demonstrate that universal background checks save lives, and polls show that 97% of Americans support the implementation of these checks. We noted with interest your statements that you intended to have the Committee work on 'red flag' legislation and potentially also background checks, both actions we strongly support.

As cosponsors of S. 42, we respectfully request that you hold a hearing on this critical legislation as soon as possible.

Thank you for your consideration.

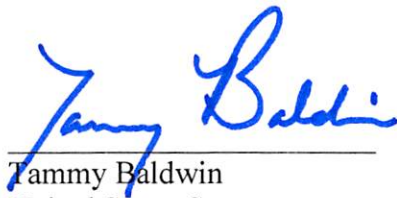
Sincerely,



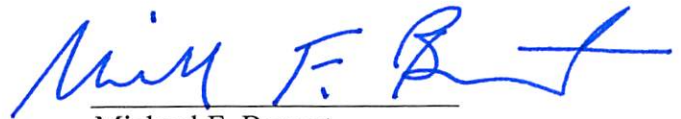
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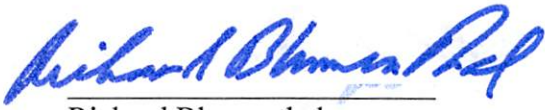
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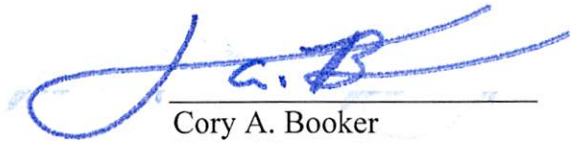
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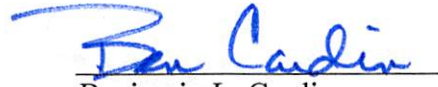
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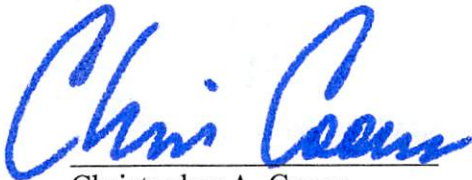
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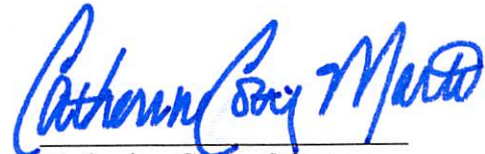
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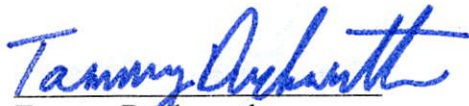
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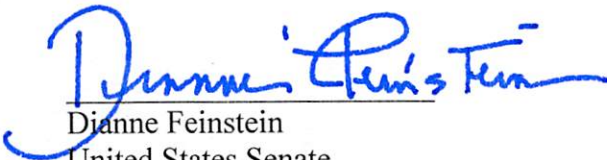
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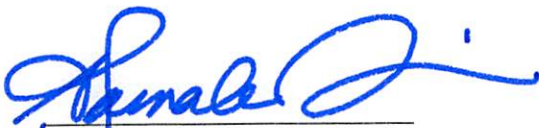
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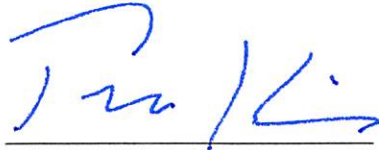
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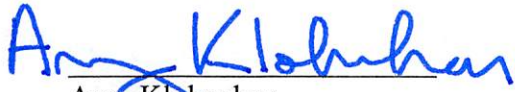
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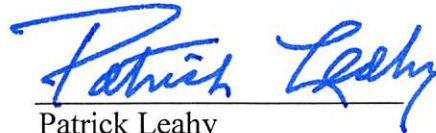
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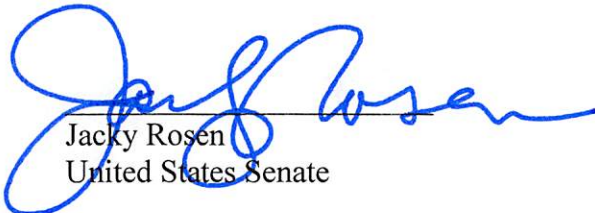
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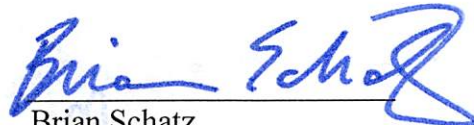
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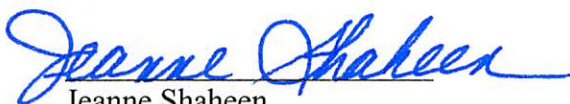
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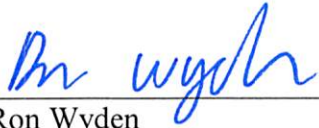
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