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April 19, 2007

The Honorable John Conyers
Chairman
Committee on Judiciary
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

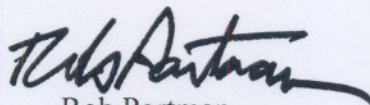
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The Honorable Lamar Smith
Committee on Judiciary
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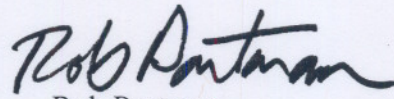
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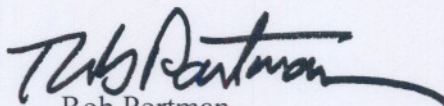
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Committee on Appropriations
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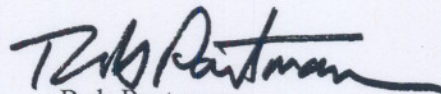
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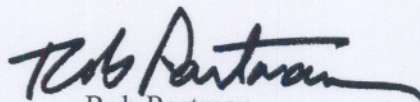
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Committee on Appropriations
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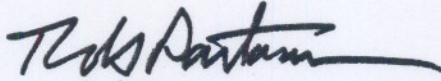
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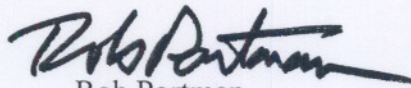
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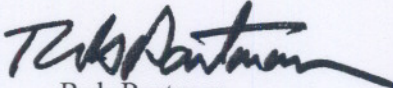
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