

Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20515

June 11, 2002

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert  
Speaker  
US House of Representatives  
H-232 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Richard A. Gephardt  
Democratic Leader  
US House of Representatives  
H-204 The Capitol  
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Dear Mr. Speaker and Leader Gephardt:

We strongly endorse the suggestion that we set 9-11-02 as the target date for completing Congressional action to fine tune and enact into law the President's Department of Homeland Security proposal.

After all, dedicated American workers have already removed all the debris from Ground Zero ahead of schedule. And they will complete repairs of the Pentagon ahead of scheduled as well.

Doesn't it make sense to witness the signing at the Pentagon on 9-11?

Indeed, it would be a tribute to those killed in the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks if our government could act in a bipartisan fashion so quickly to protect the rest of the nation.

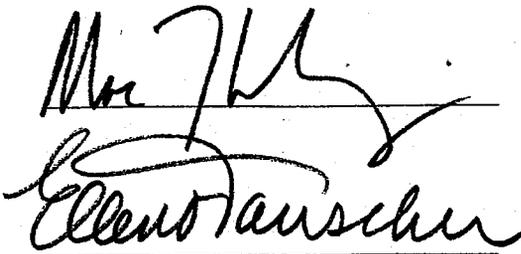
Accordingly, we ask you to agree to a process that will allow for quick Congressional consideration of this important legislative proposal.

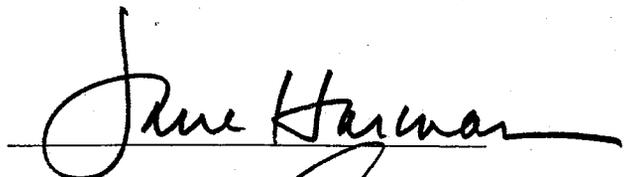
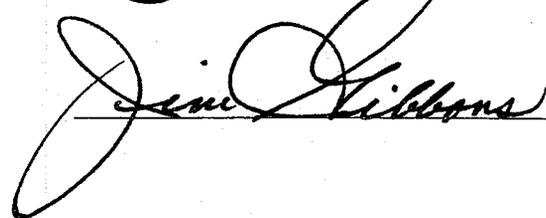
We can do this.

And we must do this.

We believe it a critical tool in protecting our nation against the next wave of attacks.

Sincerely,

  
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