

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Rob Portman, Director
Office of Management and Budget
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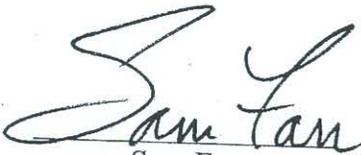
Dear Director Portman:

We applaud the President for his 2002 commitment to doubling the number of Peace Corps Volunteers. Considering the importance of the mission of Peace Corps, we believe that it is imperative that the President renew his commitment to the Peace Corps and request at least \$485 million for FY 08. Since 2002, requested and appropriated amounts for Peace Corps have fallen well short of the President's original expansion plan. \$485 million was the requested level for FY 07 under the President's 2002 expansion plan and this funding level in FY 08 will allow the agency to increase the number of volunteers serving in the field as well as opening up offices in additional countries.

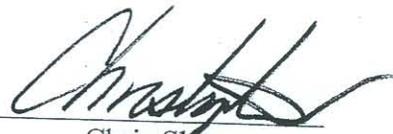
The latest OMB ratings of more than 800 federal agencies found that Peace Corps earned the highest rating possible for effectiveness. Additionally, according to many U.S. diplomats and host country officials, the Peace Corps is the most effective and cost efficient U.S. agency working at the local, grassroots development level.

As you finalize the President's FY08 budget, we strongly urge you to recommend not less than \$485 million for the Peace Corps.

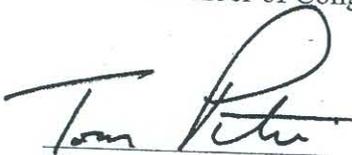
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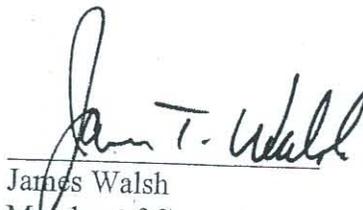
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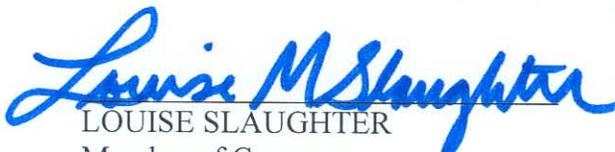

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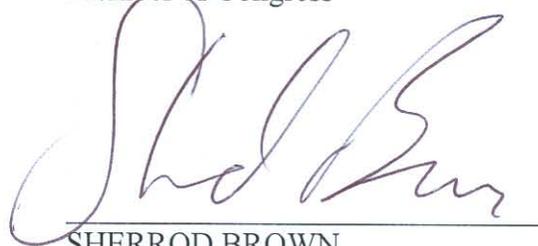
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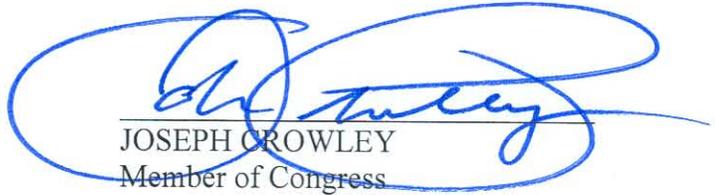
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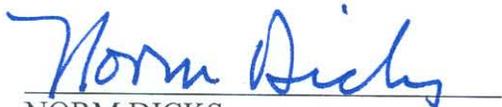
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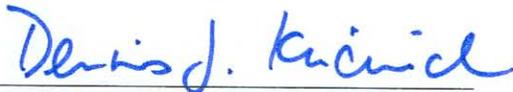
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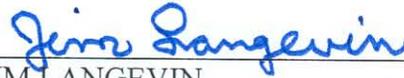
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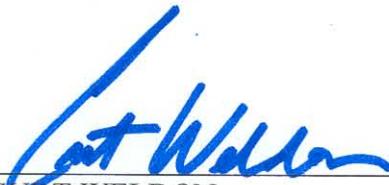
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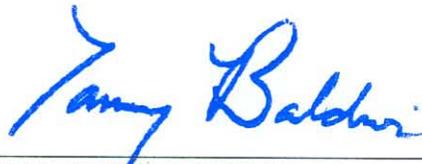
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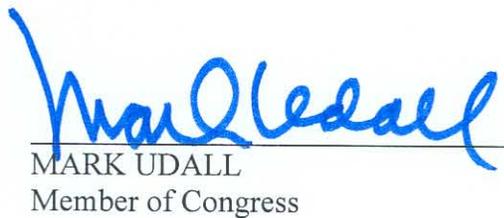

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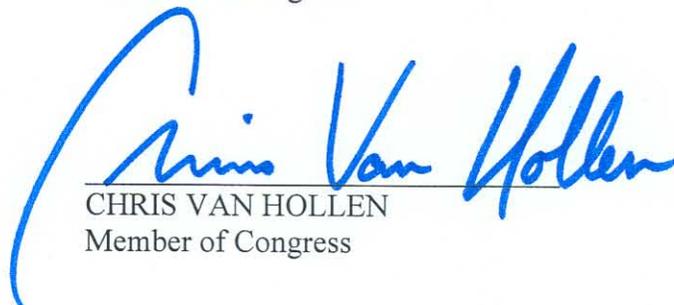

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