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The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

You have spoken out against abortion, and once again we commend you for your courageous moral leadership. We ask you also to speak out against the medically unnecessary destruction of prenatal infants.

Towards the end of the last administration, at the President's request, an Executive Order was drafted that would, "to the extent permitted by law, protect unborn or newborn children from experimentation, research and organ transplantation, except in cases where the unborn or newborn child would itself directly benefit by any such procedures to which it was subjected." Tragically, time ran out before this directive could be implemented.

Using the organs and tissue of aborted infants is the latest extension of the utilitarian ethic which is responsible for the widespread practice of abortion in the first place. It is just plain wrong, in that it further violates the human rights and the dignity of the victim of abortion. And the use of aborted infants for medical purposes will lend the appearance of respectability to abortion, in the sense that some will say that abortion, however unfortunate, at least improves the health of those who benefit by transplants. This rationalizing of abortion will embed the procedures ever more deeply in our society.

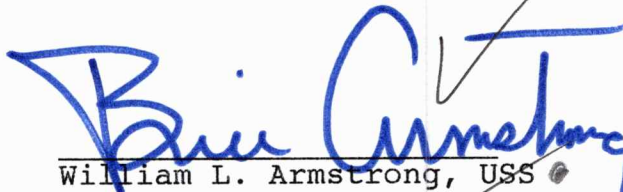
Absent an Executive Order, the Federal government will continue to fund fetal experimentation. In 1987, the last year for which data are available, the National Institutes of Health spent \$11.2 million. The bottom line is, Federally funded fetal experimentation will continue unless you take action.

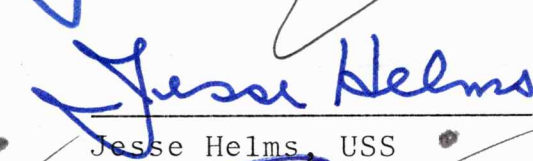
Respectfully, we ask for a meeting with you at your earliest convenience to explain our concerns and discuss several policy options.

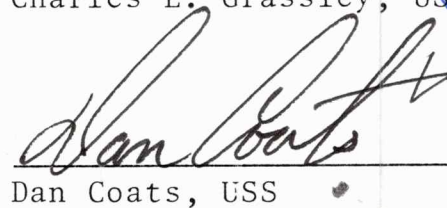
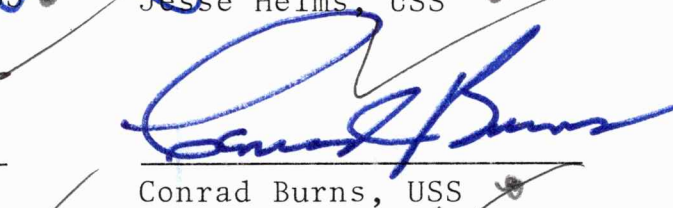
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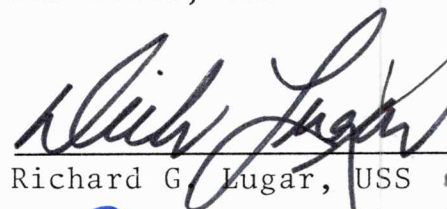
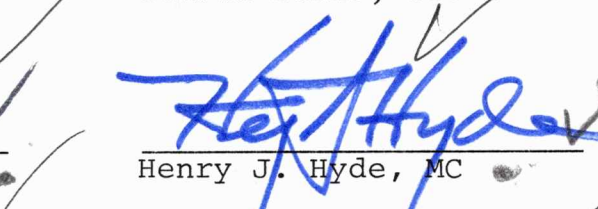
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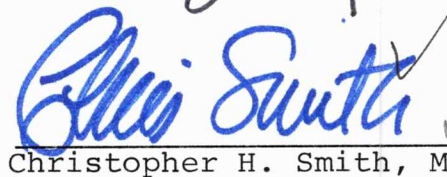
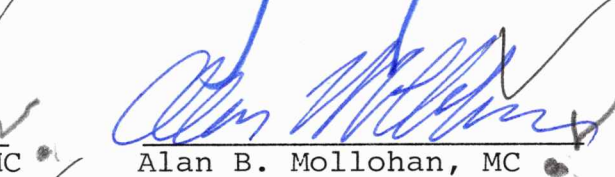
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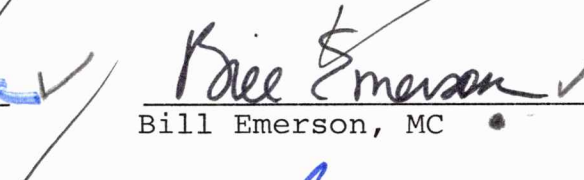
 
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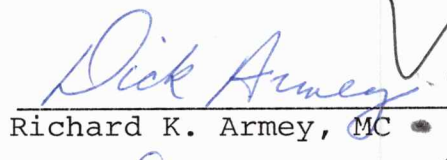
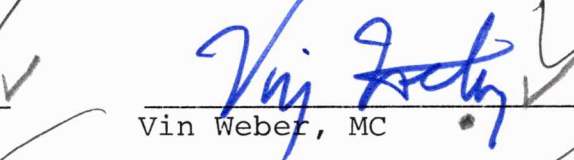
 
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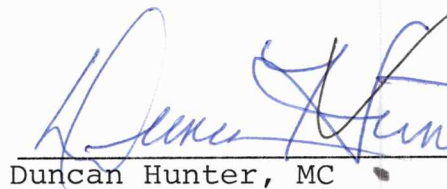
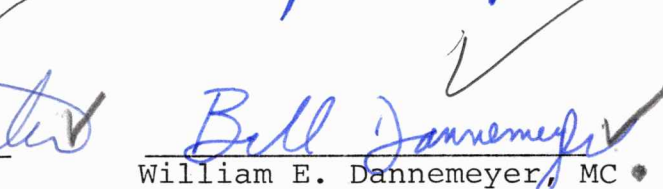
 
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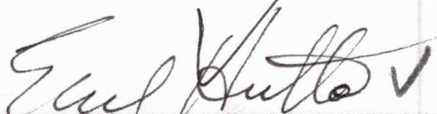
 
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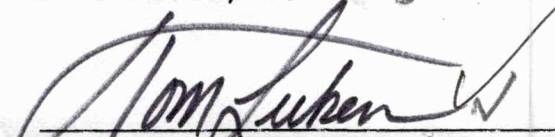
 
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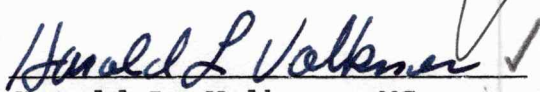
 
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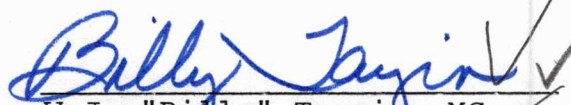
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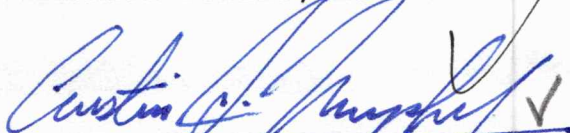

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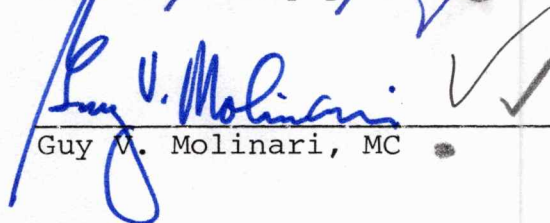

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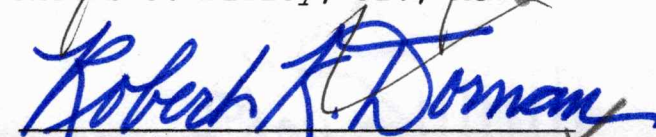

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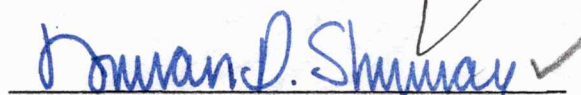

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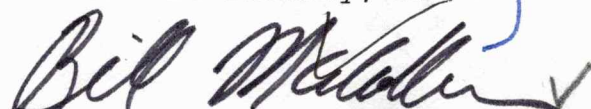

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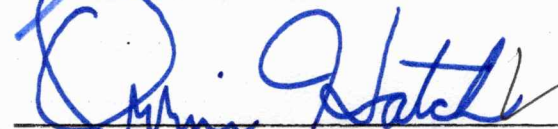

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