

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

March 23, 2015

The Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing  
and Urban Development & Related  
Agencies  
House Appropriations Committee  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable David Price  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing  
and Urban Development & Related  
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House Appropriations Committee  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Diaz-Balart and Ranking Member Price:

We are writing to request that the Transportation-HUD Appropriations Subcommittee provide \$75 million in its Fiscal Year 2016 bill for the HUD-VASH program. The HUD-VASH program is highly successful, helping approximately 10,000 of our nation's veterans escape homelessness each year. The HUD-VASH program combines rental assistance, in the form of a HUD voucher, with case management and supportive services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). By combining services, the HUD-VASH program helps homeless veterans return to being self-sufficient members of their community.

HUD-VASH is truly a life-saving program. According to a recent report issued by HUD, 578,424 people were homeless in the United States on any given night. While homelessness among veterans has fallen by 33 percent since 2010, homelessness remains a large problem. In 2014, for example, an estimated 49,993 veterans were homeless on a given night. These figures illustrate the progress we have accomplished, as well as the continued need to support the HUD-VASH program.

The HUD-VASH program provides critical assistance necessary for combatting homelessness among our nation's heroes. Through community outreach in our districts, we have witnessed the benefits of the HUD-VASH voucher program. Veterans who were once homeless are provided with a stable environment necessary for addressing the factors that led to their homelessness. The bottom line is that there is great need for HUD-VASH assistance and the data demonstrates that the vouchers are well-utilized.

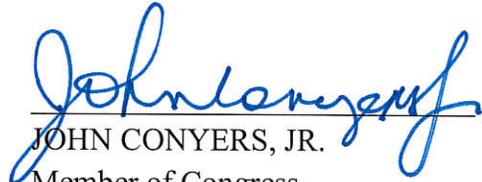
Homelessness among veterans—even one veteran—is unacceptable. We must continue to fund the highly-successful HUD-VASH program until homelessness has been eliminated among all

veterans. Congress has demonstrated its commitment to supporting veterans in past years and we believe Congress must continue to demonstrate its support. As your Subcommittee considers the FY 2015 Transportation-HUD Appropriations bill, we ask that you support the crucial HUD-VASH program. Thank you for your consideration and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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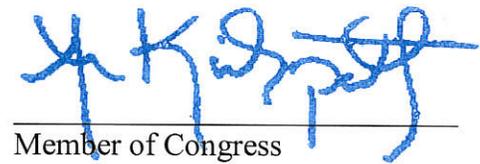
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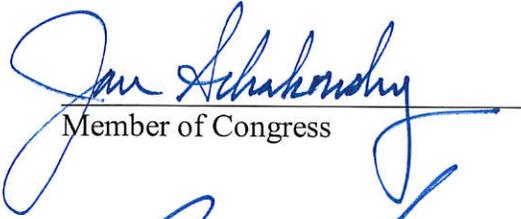
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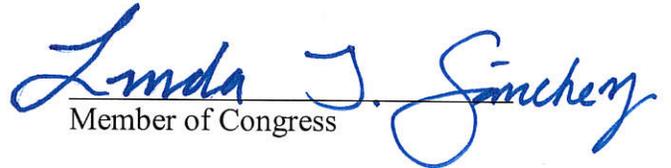
  
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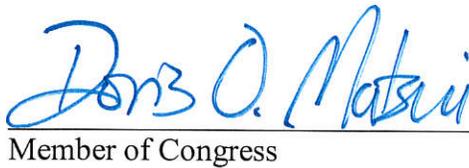
  
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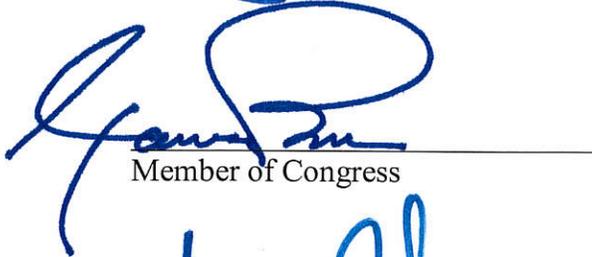
  
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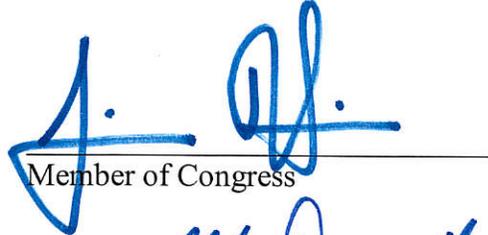
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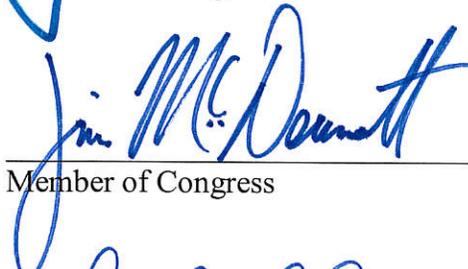
  
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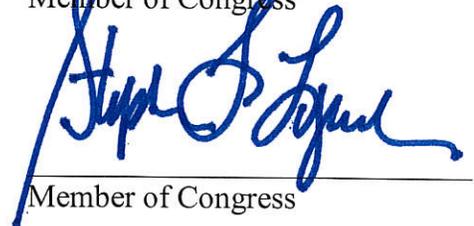
  
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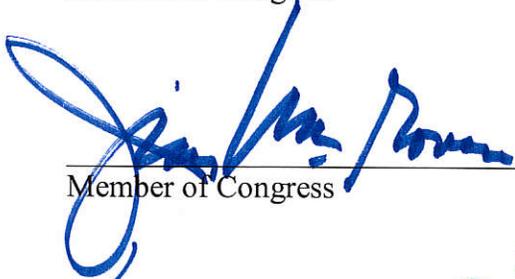
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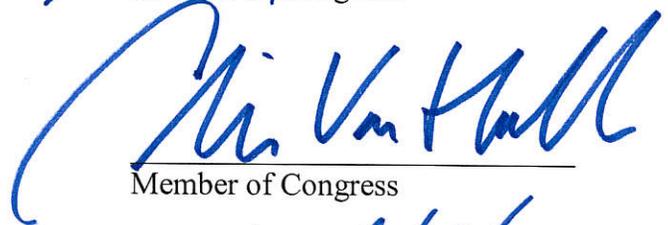
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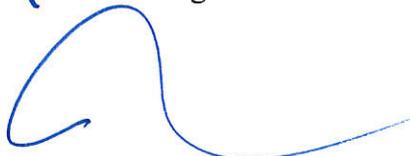
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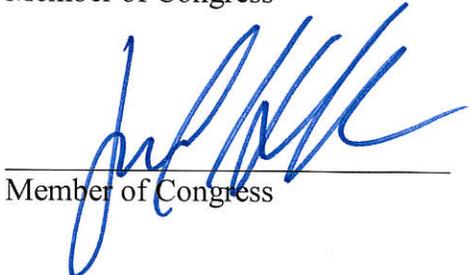
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