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The Honorable Mike Rogers
Chairman
House Armed Services Committee
2216 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Rogers,

We believe the issues detailed in the recent article in *The Atlantic* are serious and necessitate that Secretary Pete Hegseth come testify, on the record, before the House Armed Services Committee.

We are deeply troubled by the reporting that cabinet and other senior officials of the Trump Administration conferred about highly sensitive national security matters, including “precise information about weapons packages, targets, and timing” concerning military actions against the Houthis, via the open-source Signal messaging service. Discussing such sensitive, and potentially classified, information on a messaging application that is not approved for the transmission of classified information could have jeopardized the safety of servicemembers and compromised the military operation. Furthermore, the use of this messaging application may have violated federal laws regarding the proper handling of classified information and federal record keeping laws.

We believe there is a pronounced urgency to the situation given the gravity of the questions raised by the reported events. Therefore, we ask that you schedule this hearing as soon as possible during the upcoming three-week congressional work period.

We appreciate your ongoing bipartisan work on this committee and attention to this request. We hope to work with you in a bipartisan way to exercise the committee’s oversight responsibilities as they relate to these recent events.

Sincerely,

Adam Smith
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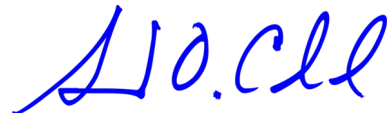
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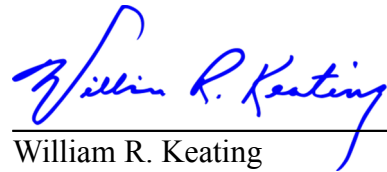
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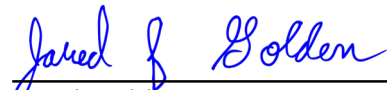
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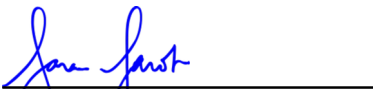
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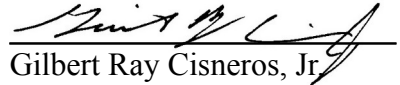
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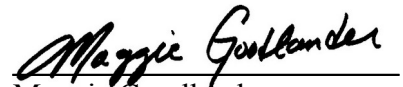
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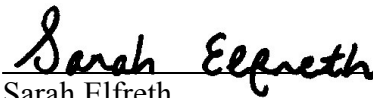
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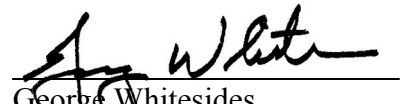
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