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Dear Members of the Iowa Congressional Delegation:

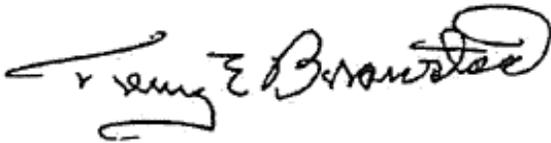
We write as State of Iowa leaders and key job creators throughout the State of Iowa, to ask you to support free trade and the swift approval of Trade Promotion Authority (TPA) legislation. Your support will ensure that Iowans continue our steadfast efforts in providing food, fuel, fiber and innovative products to nearly every country in the world. The breadth of the undersigned group demonstrates the importance of trade to a healthy Iowa economy.

As a net-exporting state, Iowa's economy and future depends on an open and fair market to send our safe and reliable exports. Last year, Iowa exported \$15.1 billion in manufactured goods and value-added agricultural products, which was a record setting level. Of these exports, nearly 83% were from small or medium sized businesses. Iowa farmers exported \$3.58 billion in soybean, \$1.99 billion in pork, \$1.71 billion in corn and \$1.04 billion in feed grain exports, which has given strength to our agriculture economy. It should come as no surprise then that one in five Iowa jobs depend on trade. Quite simply, international trade is important to Iowa's businesses, workers and farmers. A vote for leveling the playing field in international trade is a vote for Iowa.

The first step in growing export markets through free trade is with timely passage of the TPA legislation. This important tool allows the U.S. Congress to direct the President on trade priorities, which he can use to negotiate forthcoming trade agreements. Every President for more than 30 years has been granted TPA, and Presidents have used similarly important trade-enabling tools to help American businesses capitalize on trade agreements over the past eight decades. We feel it is again appropriate for President Obama to have this direction from the Iowa congressional delegation and your congressional colleagues.

As we look to the future for our state, we strongly believe that free trade and the swift passage of TPA will help grow our economy, create new jobs and raise family incomes. We respectfully ask for your support and look forward to working with you on this important topic.

Sincerely,



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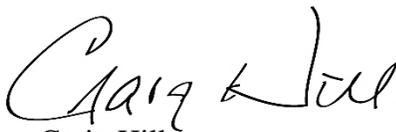
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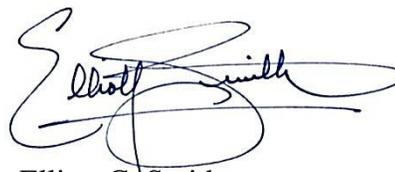
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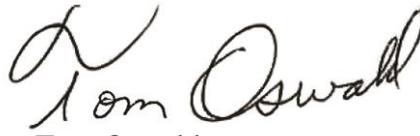
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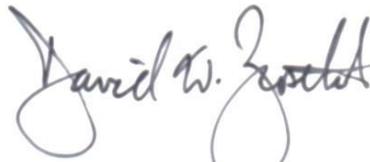
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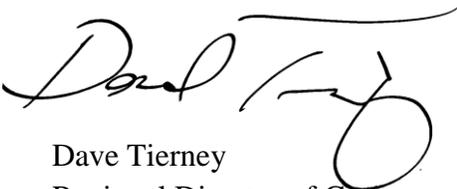
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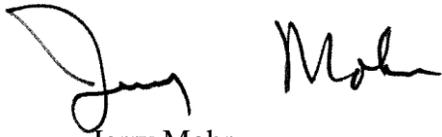
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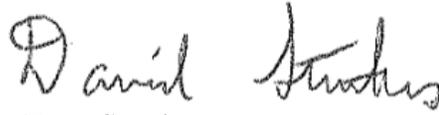


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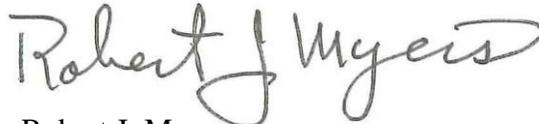
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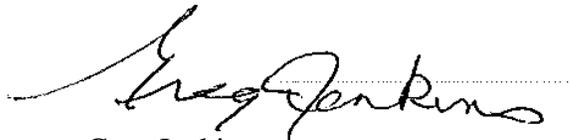
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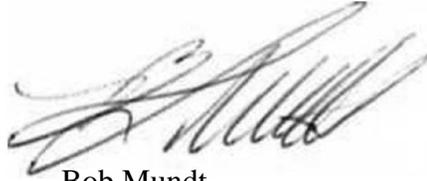
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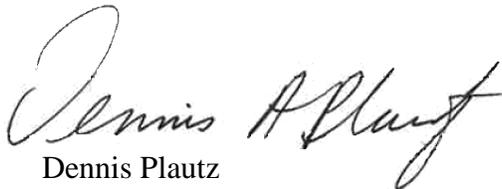
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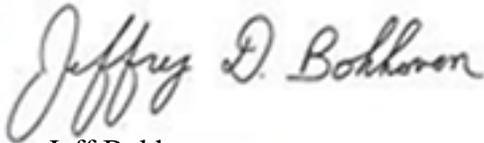
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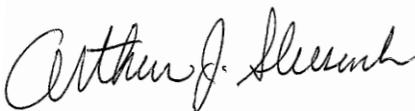
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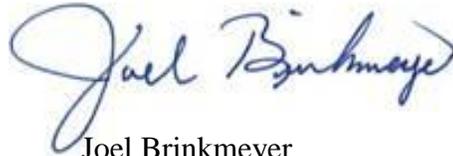
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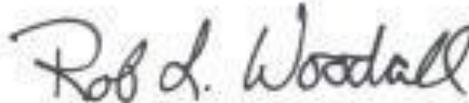
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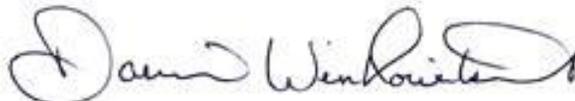
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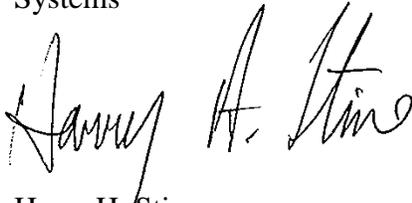
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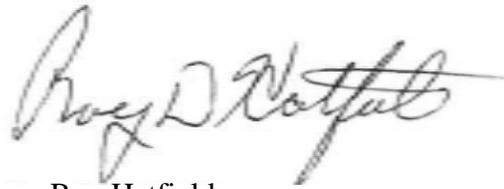
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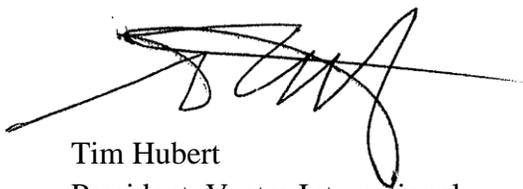
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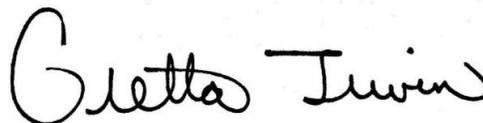
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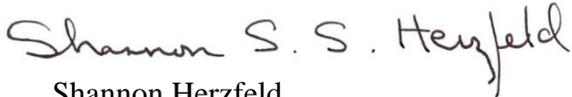
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