

**Congress of the United States**  
Washington, DC 20510

September 7, 2018

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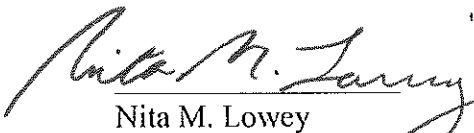
Ambassador Cornstein,

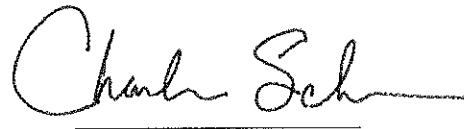
As members of Congress, we commend your efforts to ensure Central European University (CEU) remains in Budapest. As one of your first official acts at post, your June 2018 visit to CEU and supportive statements spotlight the importance of the relationship between the U.S. and Hungary and demonstrate your understanding of the value of this American-accredited institution.

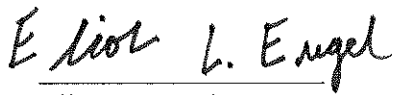
As you know, the ongoing absence of a signed agreement between the State of New York and the Hungarian government has put CEU in an untenable situation. The closure of CEU would not only harm Hungarian higher education, it would also have the potential to impact bilateral relations between our two countries. We would deeply appreciate your continued efforts to communicate the urgency of signing this agreement before the end of September in any upcoming meetings with senior Hungarian government officials.

CEU is an institution of academic excellence that enjoys broad bipartisan support in the U.S. It is our hope that CEU can remain a resource for your mandate in Budapest and stand among the institutions that bring Hungary and the United States closer for many years to come.

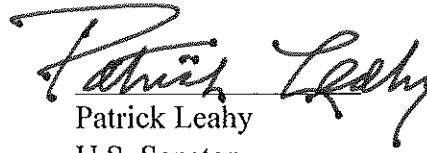
Sincerely,

  
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U.S. Representative

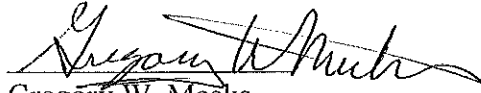
  
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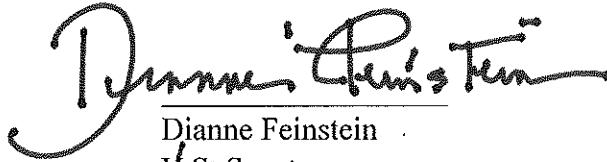
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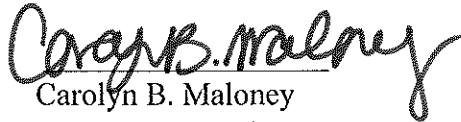
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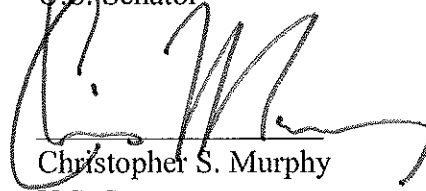
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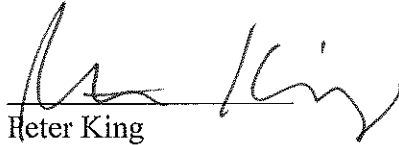
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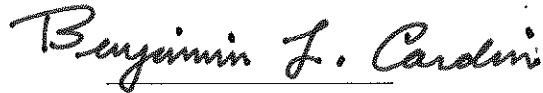
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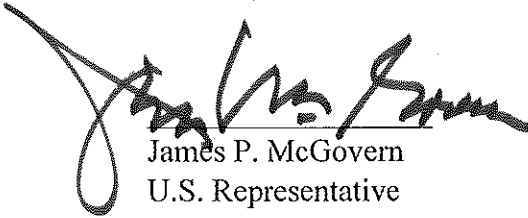
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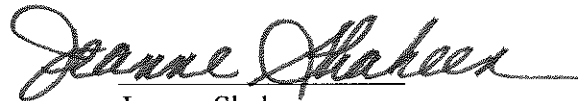
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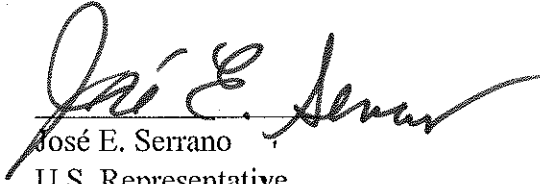
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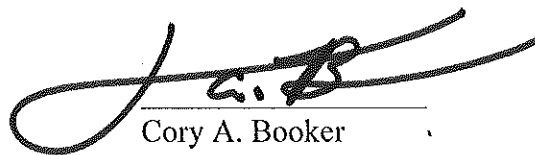
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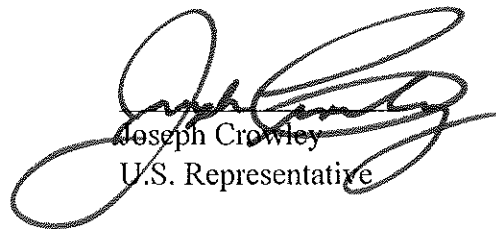
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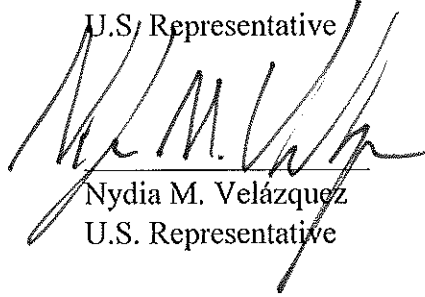
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