

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

December 19, 2008

**Via Facsimile**

The Honorable George W. Bush  
President of the United States of America  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20500-0001

Dear Mr. President,

It is our understanding that you are on schedule to sign H.R. 7327, the Worker, Retiree, and Employer Recovery Act of 2008, in the next few days. This legislation contains an important provision temporarily waiving the required minimum distribution rules for IRAs, 401(k)s, and 403(b)s for the 2009 tax year.

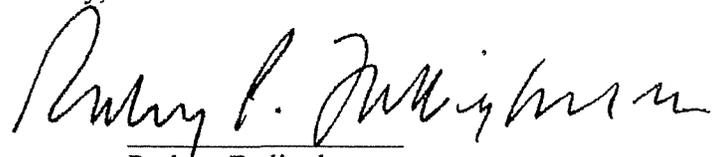
We respectfully request that you use your executive authority to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to use the flexibility provided by statute to immediately waive the same rules for the 2008 tax year. Furthermore, we ask that you use the same authority to allow retirees who have already withdrawn in 2008 to make recontributions to their accounts. By doing this, you will allow retirees to protect some of their savings during these rough economic times.

While the Internal Revenue Code requires retired individuals to begin taking withdrawals the later of the year after they retire or the year after they turn 70 ½, it is our understanding that Treasury regulations set the specific intervals and penalties, and therefore the distribution requirements could be adjusted for 2008 without Congressional action.

We thank you in advance for your prompt consideration of this request.

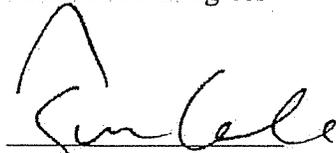
Respectfully,

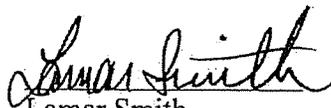
  
Spencer Bachus  
Member of Congress

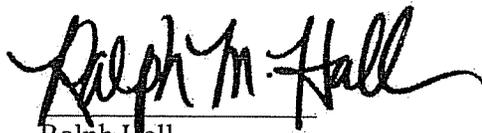
  
Rodney Frelinghuysen  
Member of Congress

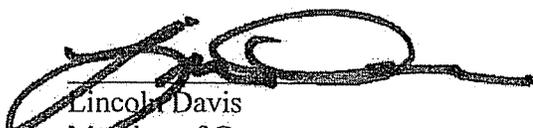
  
Cathy McMorris Rodgers  
Member of Congress

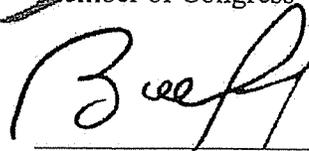
  
Jo Bonner  
Member of Congress

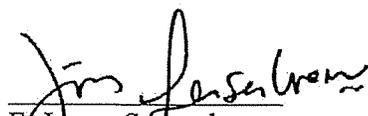
  
Tom Cole  
Member of Congress

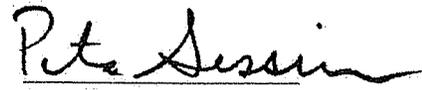
  
Lamar Smith  
Member of Congress

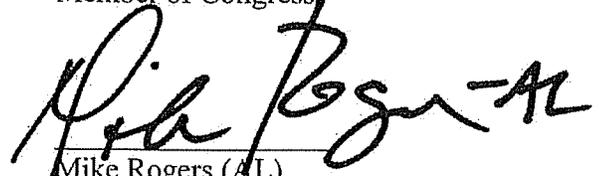
  
Ralph Hall  
Member of Congress

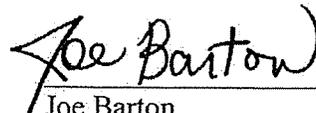
  
Lincoln Davis  
Member of Congress

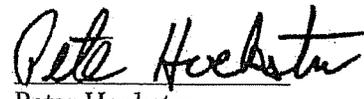
  
C.W. Bill Young  
Member of Congress

  
F. James Sensenbrenner  
Member of Congress

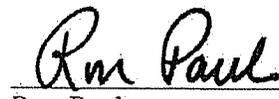
  
Pete Sessions  
Member of Congress

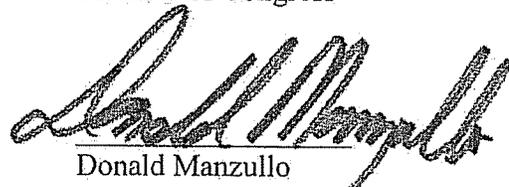
  
Mike Rogers (AL)  
Member of Congress

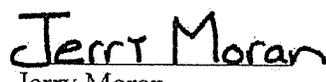
  
Joe Barton  
Member of Congress

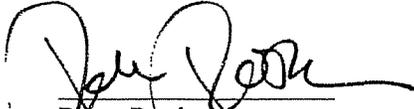
  
Peter Hoekstra  
Member of Congress

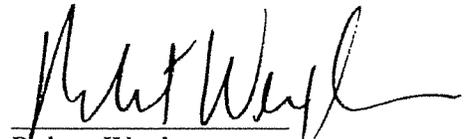
  
Nick Rahall  
Member of Congress

  
Ron Paul  
Member of Congress

  
Donald Manzullo  
Member of Congress

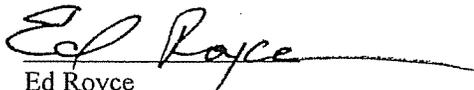
  
Jerry Moran  
Member of Congress

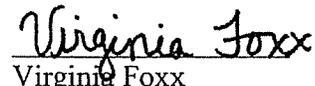
  
Peter Roskam  
Member of Congress

  
Robert Wexler  
Member of Congress

  
Frank Wolf  
Member of Congress

  
Mary Bono Mack  
Member of Congress

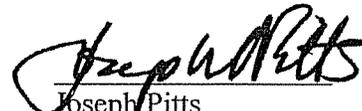
  
Ed Royce  
Member of Congress

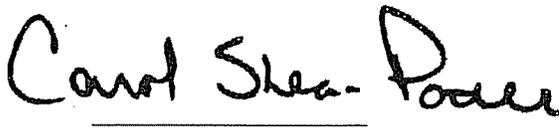
  
Virginia Foxx  
Member of Congress

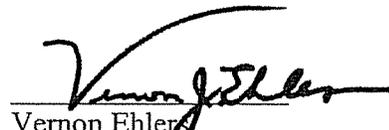
  
Keith Ellison  
Member of Congress

  
Joe Sestak  
Member of Congress

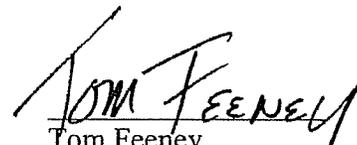
  
Gwen Moore  
Member of Congress

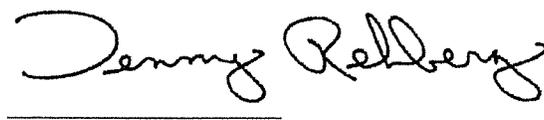
  
Joseph Pitts  
Member of Congress

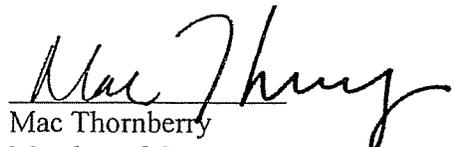
  
Carol Shea-Porter  
Member of Congress

  
Vernon Ehlers  
Member of Congress

  
Gary Miller  
Member of Congress

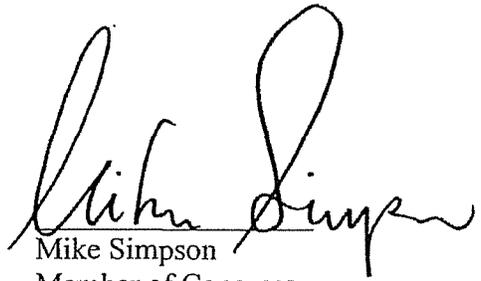
  
Tom Feeney  
Member of Congress

  
Denny Rehberg  
Member of Congress

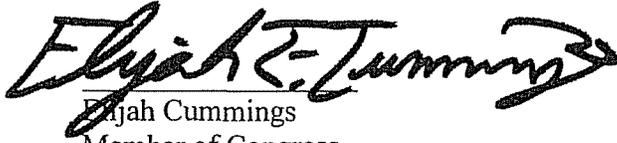
  
Mac Thornberry  
Member of Congress



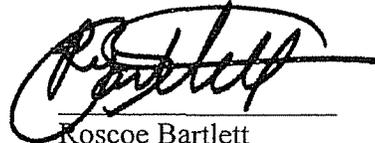
Mike Rogers (MI)  
Member of Congress



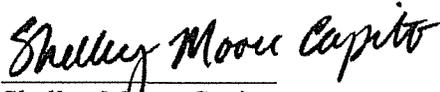
Mike Simpson  
Member of Congress



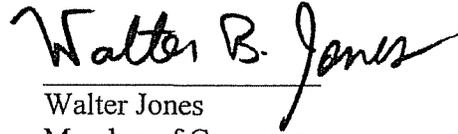
Elijah Cummings  
Member of Congress



Roscoe Bartlett  
Member of Congress



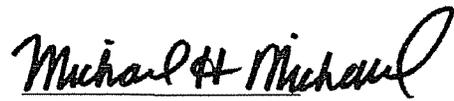
Shelley Moore Capito  
Member of Congress



Walter Jones  
Member of Congress



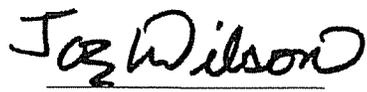
Bob Inglis  
Member of Congress



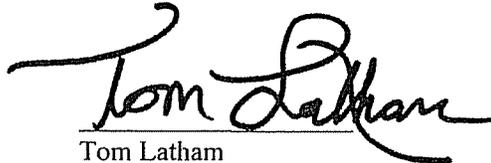
Michael Michaud  
Member of Congress



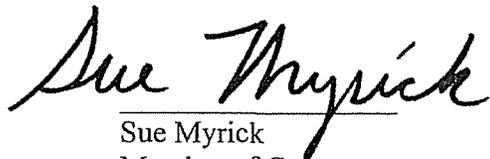
Anna Eshoo  
Member of Congress



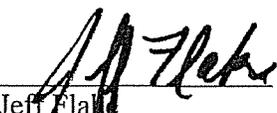
Joe Wilson  
Member of Congress



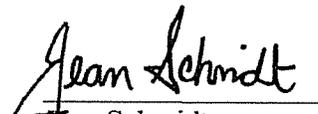
Tom Latham  
Member of Congress



Sue Myrick  
Member of Congress



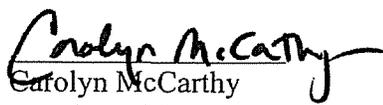
Jeff Flake  
Member of Congress



Jean Schmidt  
Member of Congress



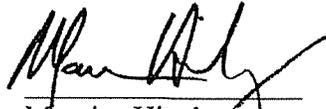
John Shimkus  
Member of Congress



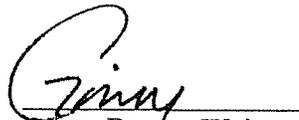
Carolyn McCarthy  
Member of Congress

  
John Yarmuth  
Member of Congress

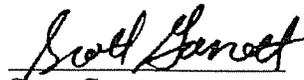
  
Mark Souder  
Member of Congress

  
Maurice Hinchey  
Member of Congress

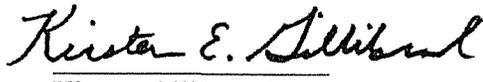
  
Michele Bachmann  
Member of Congress

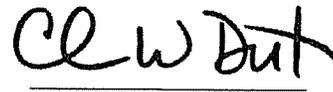
  
Ginny Brown-Waite  
Member of Congress

  
Fred Upton  
Member of Congress

  
Scott Garrett  
Member of Congress

  
Howard Coble  
Member of Congress

  
Kirsten Gillibrand  
Member of Congress

  
Charles W. Dent  
Member of Congress

  
Michael Turner  
Member of Congress