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THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Honorable Joseph Biden  
President of the Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. President:

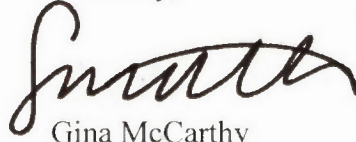
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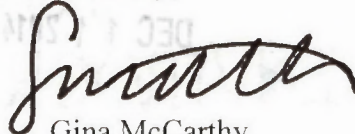
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The Honorable Debbie Stabenow  
Chairwoman  
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United States Senate  
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Dear Madam Chairwoman:

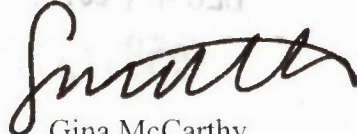
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The Honorable Thad Cochran  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry  
United States Senate  
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Dear Senator Cochran:

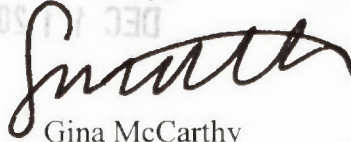
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United States House of Representatives  
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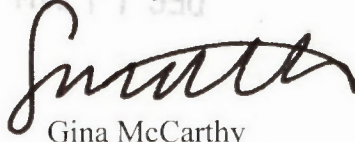
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Committee on Agriculture  
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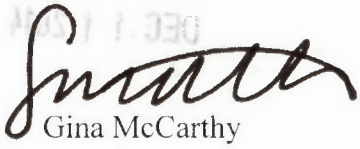
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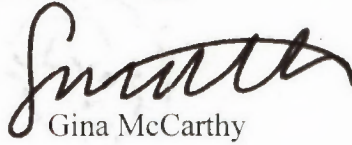
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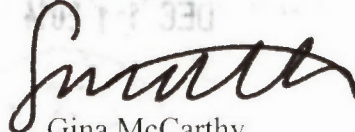
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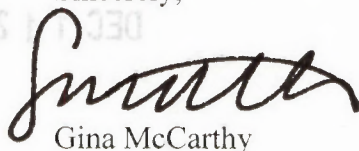
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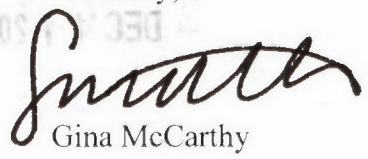
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