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The Honorable Ken Calvert
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,
And Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
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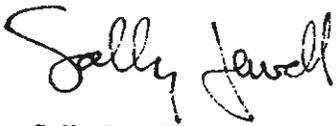
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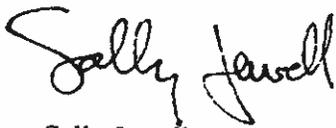
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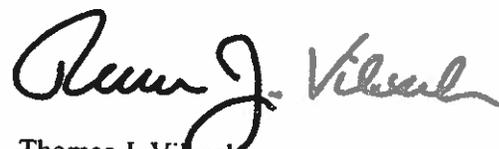
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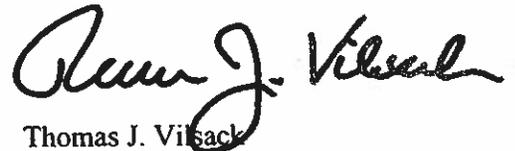
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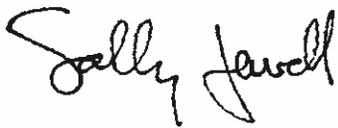
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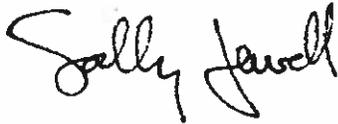
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