

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

November 6, 2025

The Honorable Mike Rogers
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Committee on Armed Services
2216 Rayburn HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Adam Smith
Ranking Member
Committee on Armed Services
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The Honorable Roger Wicker
Chairman
Committee on Armed Services
Russell Senate Building, Room 228
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Jack Reed
Ranking Member
Committee on Armed Services
Russell Senate Building, Room 228
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Dear Chairman Rogers, Chairman Wicker, Ranking Member Smith, and Ranking Member Reed:

As the House and Senate meet to resolve their differences within the fiscal year 2026 (FY26) National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), we respectfully request that the House-passed (*Section 1733F*) and Senate-passed (*Section 1219*) provision titled *repeal of authorizations for use of military force related to Iraq* remain in the final conferenced text.

Both the 1991 and 2002 Authorization for Use of Military Force (AUMF) grant the President of the United States the ability to use military force against Saddam Hussein's regime in Iraq and in the Gulf War. These AUMFs are now obsolete and no longer needed.

The United States of America has long participated in 'forever wars' across the Middle East, sending Americans overseas with no clear objective or mission. While we recognize that our armed forces play a role in promoting national security, it is inappropriate to do so by using outdated two- and three-decades-old authorizations to justify unapproved military strikes.

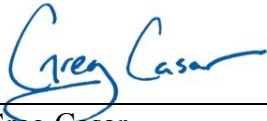
In closing, we are encouraged that the repeals of both the 1991 and 2002 AUMFs are included in the House and Senate-passed bills, and we stress the importance of these provisions remaining in the final NDAA text. Thank you for your consideration as the committees of jurisdiction work to resolve differences before the bill heads to the President's desk.

Thank you for your consideration.

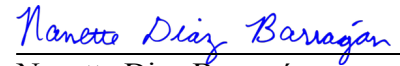
Sincerely,

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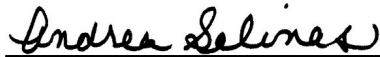
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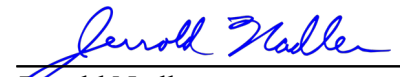
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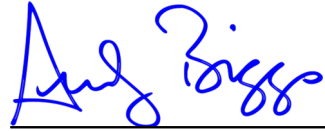
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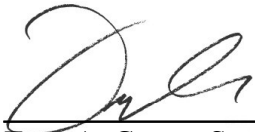
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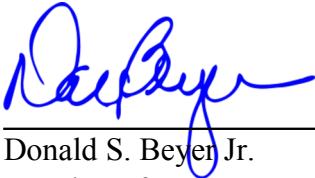
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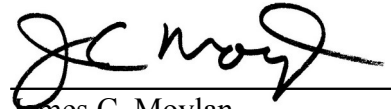
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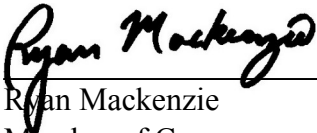
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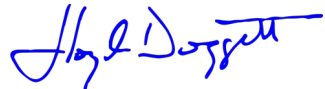
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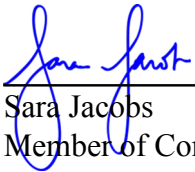
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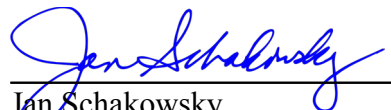
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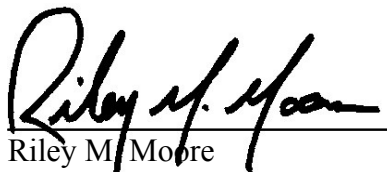
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