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While in Panama, I was asked to relay a personal message of support to you from a very special U.S. federal government employee. Mr. Cecil B. Haynes began working for the Panama Canal as an office boy in 1927 at the age of 14. With 70 years of service for the canal, he is believed to be the longest serving U.S. federal employee. The Panama Canal Commission recently honored Mr. Haynes by naming one of seven new tugboats after him.

His congratulatory letters from you (he says he has received two) meant a great deal to Mr. Haynes. In a private aside, he said to me that he had been hoping to speak with someone who could "get a message directly to President Clinton." His message, almost verbatim, was this:

"Tell the President that I admire him and believe he is doing a great job. My family and I especially appreciate his support for minorities and the way he has not backed off."

Mr. Haynes concluded by asking me again to promise that I would deliver his message. It is a pleasure to do so, and to endorse it.

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Togo D. West, Jr.
Acting Secretary

To: Nancy Herrreich
 From: Lynda Dixon
 DATE: 2-19-98

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Let me tell you just a few things Steve and Chris have done for me:

They have kept my yard at least four or five years. Mowing, raking leaves and all the other things that people do to make a home attractive.

About five years back, I started having foot problems. Swelling and hurting with my legs and feet. I had no idea what was going to happen to me in the future years. My disease was caused by neuropathy and caused my feet to swell, turn purple and scream out with pain.

Each time I had to be in the hospital, on my return home Steve would bring breakfast and leave it in the mail box. I could drive OK then, so I'd back my car down to the road and get my paper and breakfast.

During my last visit to the hospital, the doctors had to amputate my right leg below the knee. I am really helpless now, biding time until I can get my prosthesis. When I get the artificial leg, I will walk normally. I pray some day I will be able to do something for the fine man and his wonderful family.

May the Lord watch over them.

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Here is the photo I would
like to get auto-penned:

To Russell

Best wishes B.C.

Please mail this back to me
Afterwards. K. Varney
4526 Verplanck Pl NW
Washington, DC 20016

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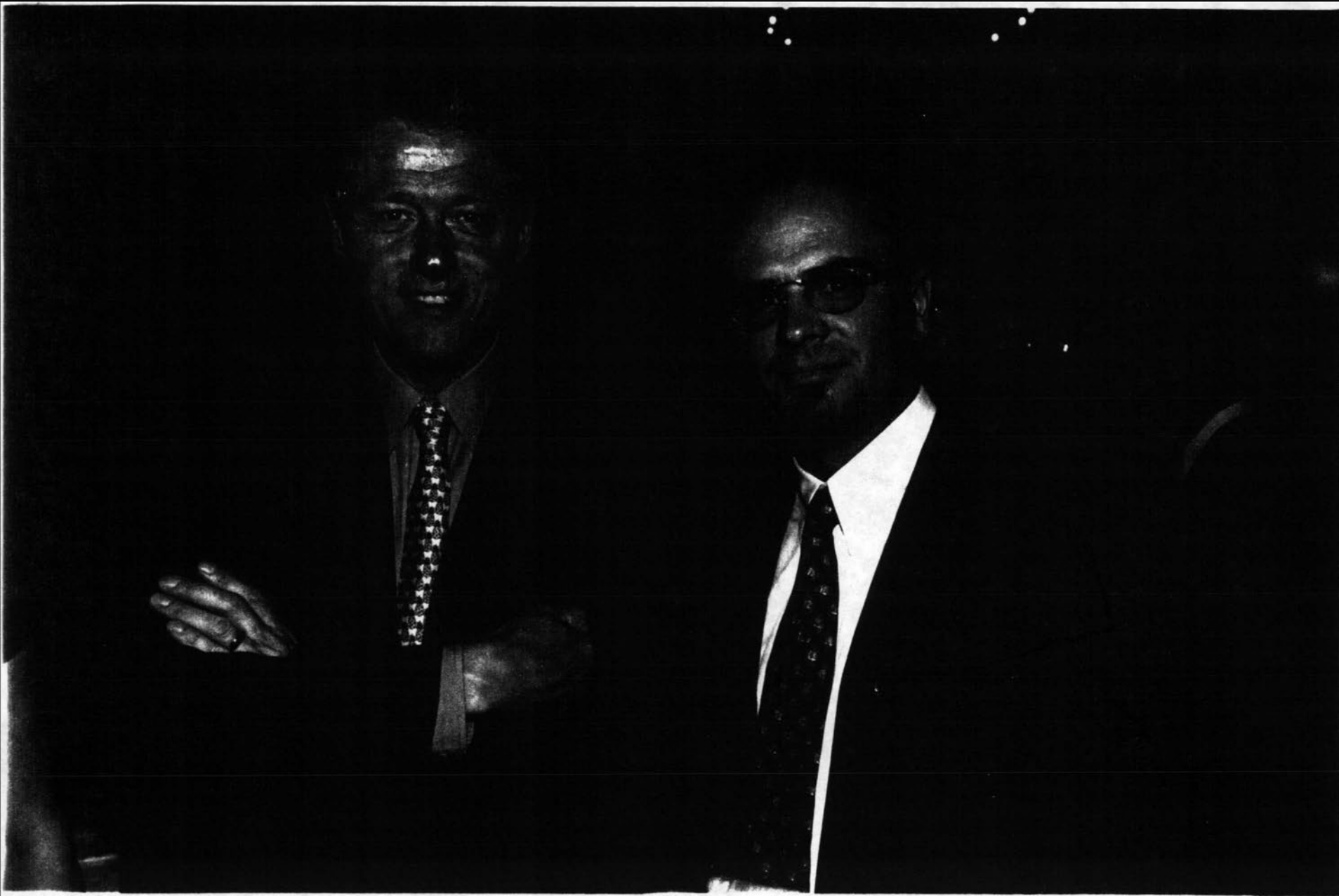
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To Russell:

with best wishes

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Thanks, Phil



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THE WHITE HOUSE
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Date 2/26

RAHM EMMANUEL

To: MICHAEL WALDMAN

From: The Staff Secretary

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Dear xxxxx:

Thank you for writing in support of my request to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to provide free and discounted television time to candidates for federal office.

Free and discounted television time is an essential component of real campaign reform. As you know, spending on Congressional campaigns has risen sixfold in the last two decades, and spending on television is the primary reason. In 1970, expenditures on television advertising in Congressional campaigns totaled \$50 million. In 1996, that number had escalated to \$400 million. And there is every indication during this election year that the level of media spending by candidates will continue to spiral upwards. We must address this particular explosion in campaign cost and I look forward to working together on this critical issue.

I appreciate your support and believe that this important reform will help make television a powerful force for expanding democracy in the information age.

Sincerely,

The Honorable xxxx
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Approved by:

*Paul Weinstein
Janet Mangione
Jacoby.*

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

February 12, 1998

Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Dear President Clinton:

We heartily applaud your intention to ask the Federal Communications Commission to take action on providing free or reduced rate television time for political candidates. Many of us wrote to you last year when you first raised the issue. We write again to reaffirm our commitment to making this proposal a reality. We stand ready and eager to assist your effort.

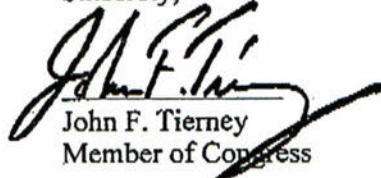
We all recognize the importance and long overdue need to reform our campaign finance system. But we are also mindful of the considerable obstacles that lie in the path of achieving that goal in this Congress. While we will be urging the leadership of both branches to allow for consideration of any one of the many substantive reform measures that have been introduced in both the House and Senate, we are not sanguine about the prospects of meaningful legislation reaching your desk in the near future.

That unfortunate circumstance makes it all the more essential that the action you reiterated in your State of the Union address move ahead swiftly. The public is rightfully disgusted with the large sums of money that must be raised to pay for TV advertising in political campaigns. Your proposal would significantly reduce the need to raise and spend the millions and millions of dollars that are currently poured into broadcast advertising accounts. It seems entirely feasible for the FCC to begin in short order the required rule-making process.

We anticipate that those in the broadcast industry and elsewhere who oppose such an initiative will raise their familiar objections. We are prepared to address their concerns. We are convinced that the FCC has the authority to propose regulations in this area and that what you have requested is appropriate. You expressed the sentiment, Mr. President, in your address last month that many of us have long held and with which we believe large numbers of the American people concur - "the airwaves are a public trust, and broadcasters also have a responsibility to help strengthen our democracy."

We strongly endorse your initiative.

Sincerely,


John F. Tierney
Member of Congress


Marcy Kaptur
Member of Congress

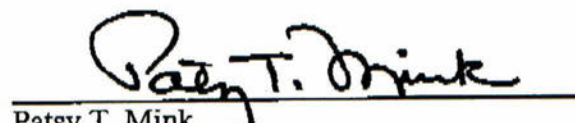

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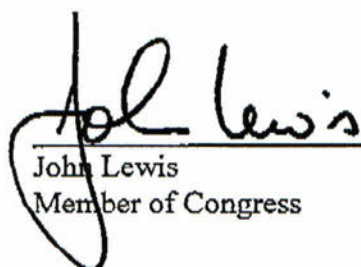

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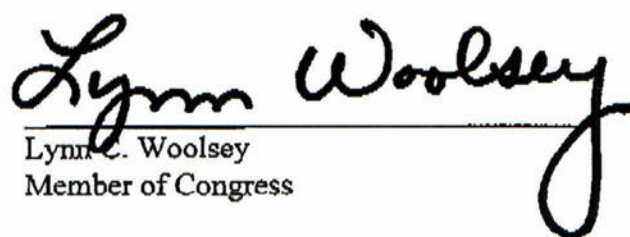

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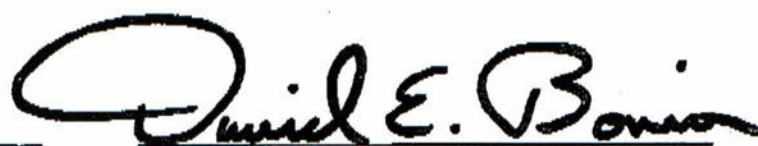

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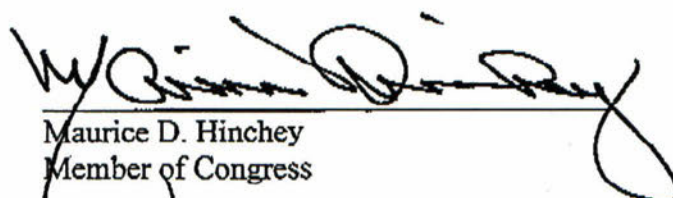

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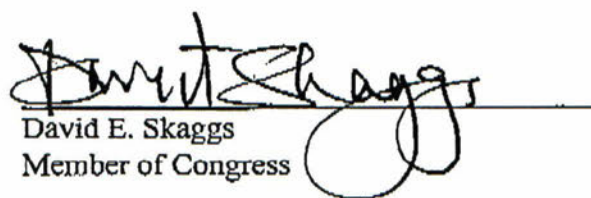

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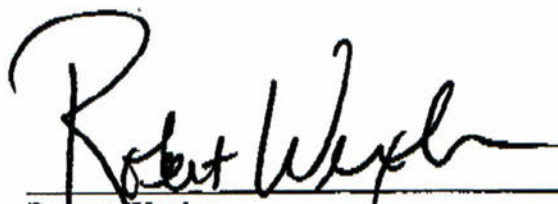

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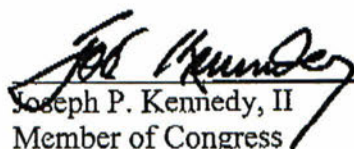
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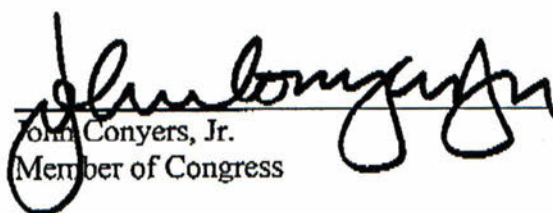
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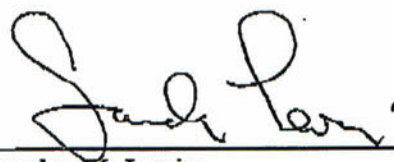
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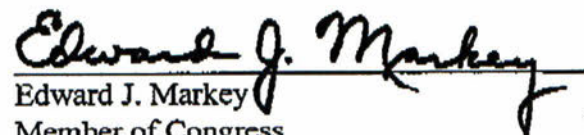
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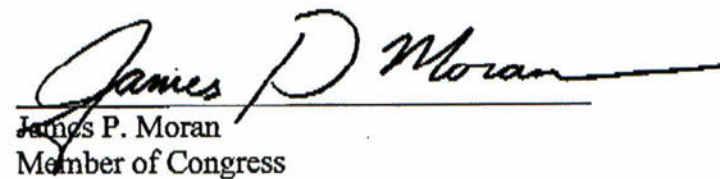
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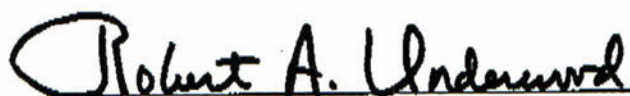
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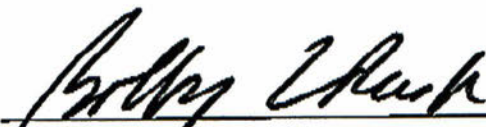
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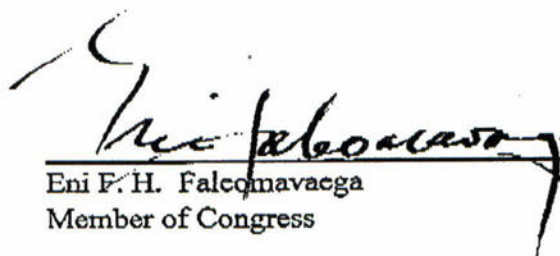
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