

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

November 8, 2011

The Honorable William Daley
Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Daley:

We write to you today to ask the Administration to contract with the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) for an independent and rigorous review of the potential health effects of the widely used and important chemical styrene.

Our request for an NAS study is driven by the conflict of authorities both within and outside of the federal government regarding the health effects of styrene and public confusion that has occurred as a result of the listing June 10th of styrene as a “reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen” in the 12th Edition of the *Report on Carcinogens (RoC)*. The *RoC* is issued by the Department of Health and Human Services’ (HHS) National Toxicology Program (NTP).

A definitive styrene carcinogenicity assessment from the respected and independent National Academy of Sciences would go a long way towards settling the scientific controversy and allow the Administration to base its regulatory decisions and hazard identification on the best available information. An NAS styrene review should allow full and transparent opportunity for public input on both the charge questions and the scientific data to be considered by its panel, consistent with Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) guidance, as well as the President’s several directives on sound science and the viability of our nation’s small businesses.

Sincerely,



Donald Manzullo
Member of Congress



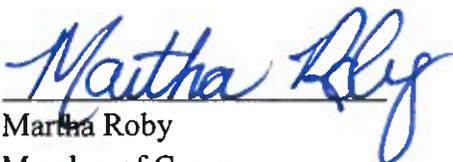
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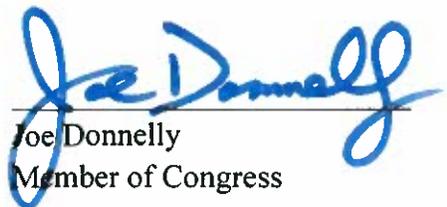
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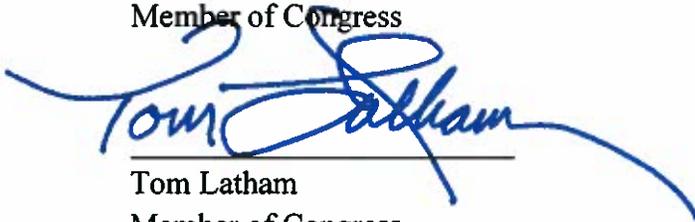
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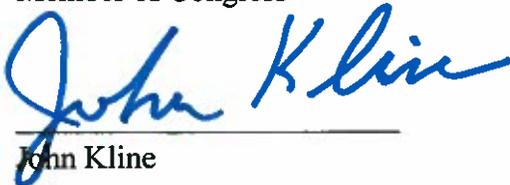
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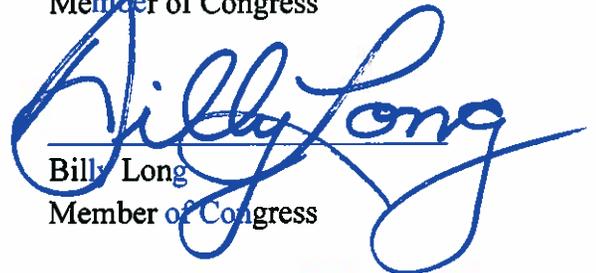
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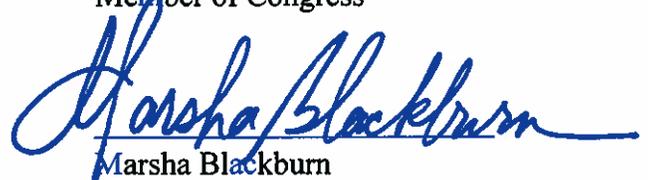
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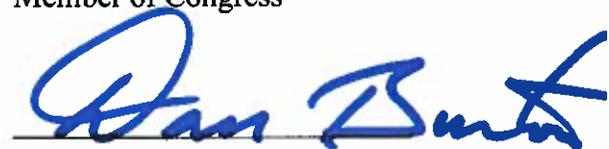
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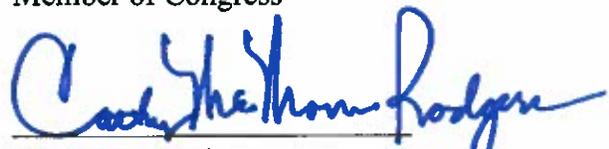
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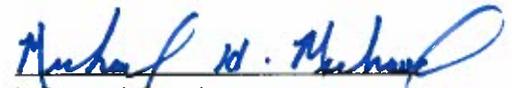
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