

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

March 27, 2014

The Honorable Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We write to express our strong congressional support for the implementation of the Pediatric Acquired Brain Injury (PABI) Plan.

As you may know, PABI is the leading cause of death and disability in children, adolescents and young adults in the United States today. Each year, more than 765,000 young Americans under the age of 25 enter an emergency department with a brain injury, more than 80,000 are hospitalized and more than 11,000 die.

PABI is caused by trauma such as motor vehicle crashes, sports-related concussions, child abuse, falls, or blast injury from war – the signature wound of our young veterans returning home from combat. In addition, it also includes non-traumatic causes such as epilepsy and seizure disorders, meningitis, brain tumors, or strokes.

Due to the lack of federal research for PABI over the past thirty years, individuals and families currently face a patchwork system of care – varying from state to state, government agency to government agency and from one doctor's office to another.

In response more than 75 leading experts from around the country gathered in New York City in 2009 to establish the first-ever National Pediatric Acquired Brain Injury Plan. The PABI Plan seeks to create a seamless, standardized, evidence-based system of care that is universally accepted for the millions of American families that have a child or young adult (25 years or younger) with a brain injury.

Since that time more than 145 bipartisan members of Congress have cosponsored legislation endorsing the PABI Plan as the best way to address and treat pediatric acquired brain injury. Congress has also appropriated and authorized funding across various Federal departments and their respective agencies that can be used to address pediatric acquired brain injury.

Following many years of extensive research and stakeholder participation we believe the PABI Plan is the best, most comprehensive way forward to prevent, identify and treat this public health crisis. To this end we respectfully request your Administration consider implementing the PABI Plan as soon as possible.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



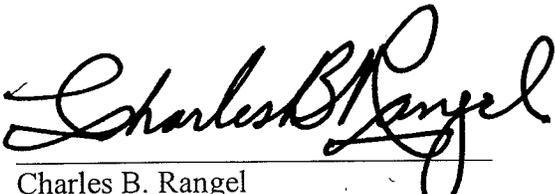
Leonard Lance
Member of Congress



James R. Langevin
Member of Congress



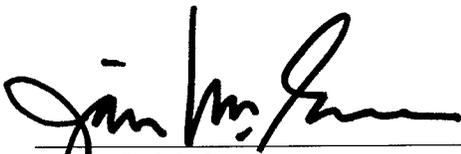
Michael Grimm
Member of Congress



Charles B. Rangel
Member of Congress



Patrick Meehan
Member of Congress



James P. McGovern
Member of Congress



Richard Hanna
Member of Congress



Eleanor Holmes Norton
Member of Congress



Michael C. Burgess, M.D.
Member of Congress



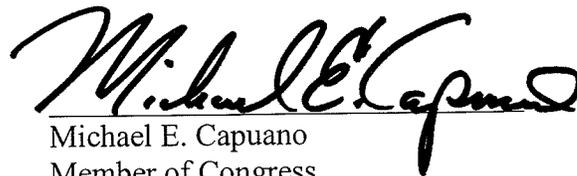
Henry C. "Hank" Johnson
Member of Congress



Howard P. "Buck" McKeon
Member of Congress



Mike McIntyre
Member of Congress



Michael E. Capuano
Member of Congress



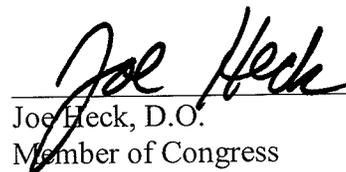
Gregg Harper
Member of Congress



Peter King
Member of Congress



Marcy Kaptur
Member of Congress



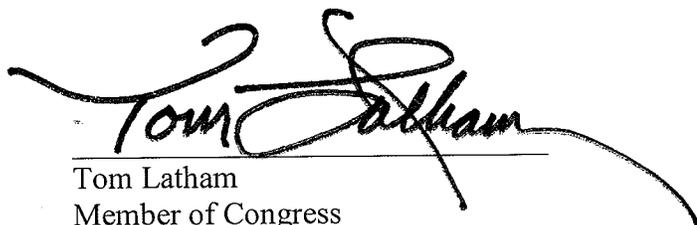
Joe Heck, D.O.
Member of Congress



Ken Calvert
Member of Congress



Jon Runyan
Member of Congress



Tom Latham
Member of Congress



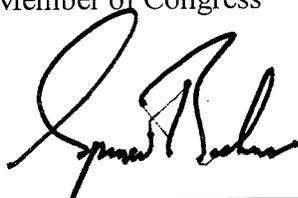
Eddie Bernice Johnson
Member of Congress



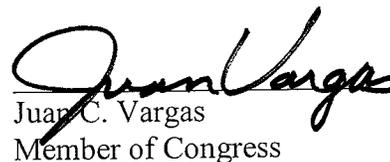
Blake Farenthold
Member of Congress



David N. Cicilline
Member of Congress



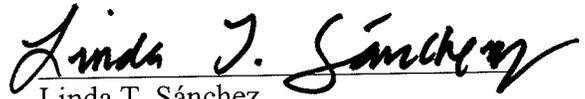
Spencer Bachus
Member of Congress



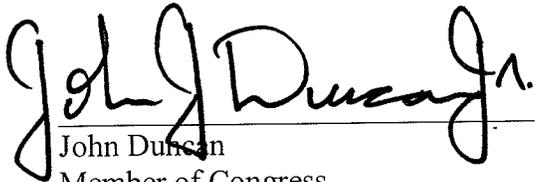
Juan C. Vargas
Member of Congress



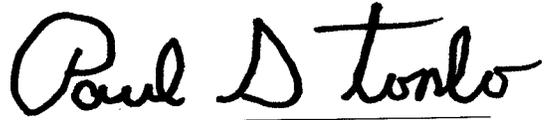
André Carson
Member of Congress



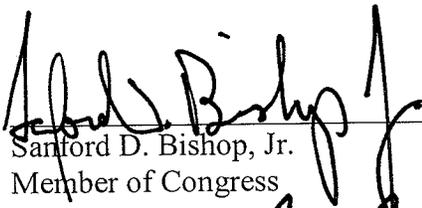
Linda T. Sánchez
Member of Congress



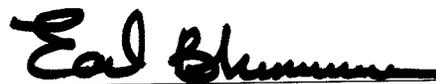
John Duncan
Member of Congress



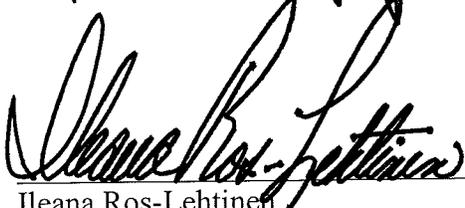
Paul D. Tonko
Member of Congress



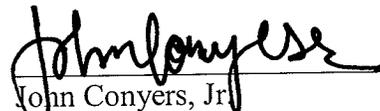
Sanford D. Bishop, Jr.
Member of Congress



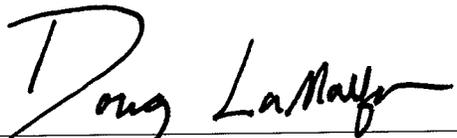
Earl Blumenauer
Member of Congress



Ileana Ros-Lehtinen
Member of Congress



John Conyers, Jr.
Member of Congress



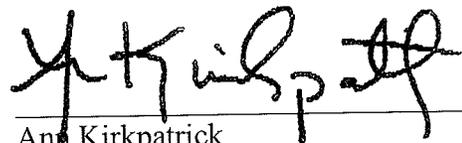
Doug LaMalfa
Member of Congress



Donald M. Payne, Jr.
Member of Congress



Joyce Beatty
Member of Congress



Ann Kirkpatrick
Member of Congress



Diane Black
Member of Congress



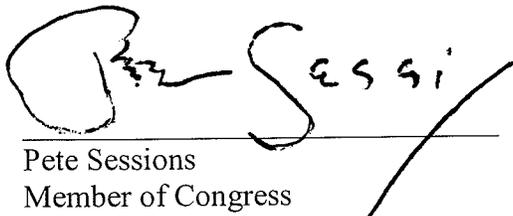
Suzanne Bonamici
Member of Congress



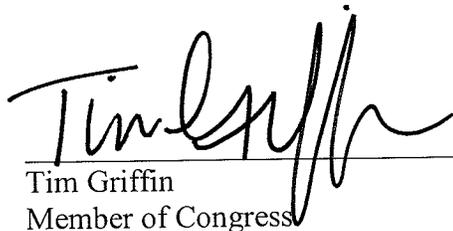
Mike Coffman
Member of Congress



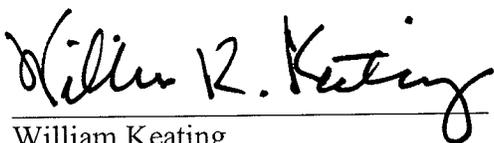
Tim Ryan
Member of Congress



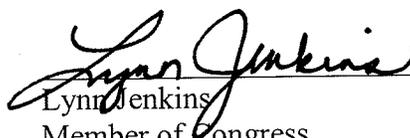
Pete Sessions
Member of Congress



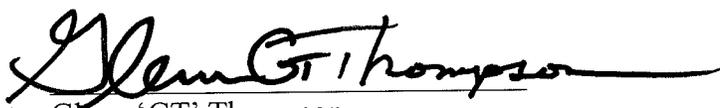
Tim Griffin
Member of Congress



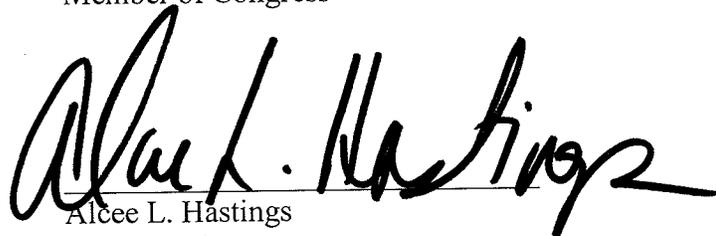
William Keating
Member of Congress



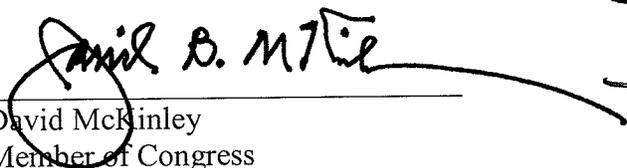
Lynn Jenkins
Member of Congress



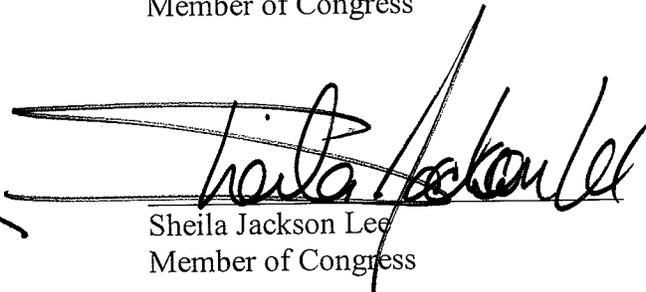
Glenn 'GT' Thompson
Member of Congress



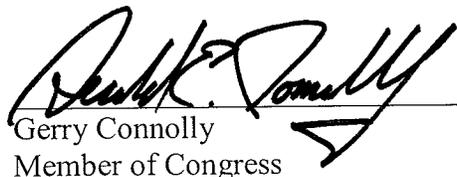
Alcee L. Hastings
Member of Congress



David McKinley
Member of Congress



Sheila Jackson Lee
Member of Congress



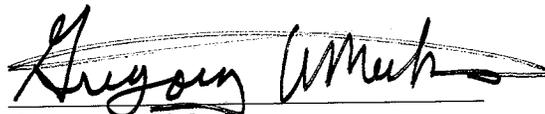
Gerry Connolly
Member of Congress



Rubén Hinojosa
Member of Congress



Erik Paulsen
Member of Congress



Gregory W. Meeks
Member of Congress

Wm. Lacy Clay

Wm. Lacy Clay
Member of Congress

Bill Johnson

Bill Johnson
Member of Congress

Donna F. Edwards

Donna F. Edwards
Member of Congress

Danny K. Davis

Danny K. Davis
Member of Congress

Stephen F. Lynch

Stephen F. Lynch
Member of Congress

William L. Enyart

William L. Enyart
Member of Congress

Christopher Smith

Christopher Smith
Member of Congress

Paul Cook

Paul Cook
Member of Congress

Mike Thompson

Mike Thompson
Member of Congress

Rodney Davis

Rodney Davis
Member of Congress

Frederica S. Wilson

Frederica S. Wilson
Member of Congress

James Himes

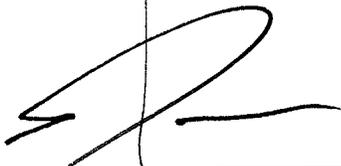
James Himes
Member of Congress

Alan Grayson

Alan Grayson
Member of Congress

Lamar Smith

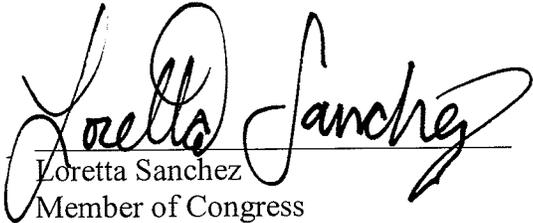
Lamar Smith
Member of Congress



Tom Reed
Member of Congress



Steve Stivers
Member of Congress



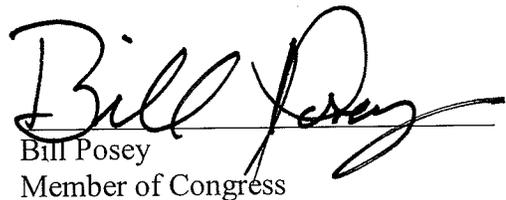
Loretta Sanchez
Member of Congress



Chaka Fattah
Member of Congress



Al Green
Member of Congress



Bill Posey
Member of Congress



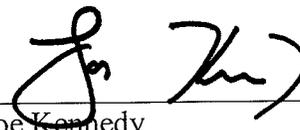
Robert A. Brady
Member of Congress



Steve Cohen
Member of Congress



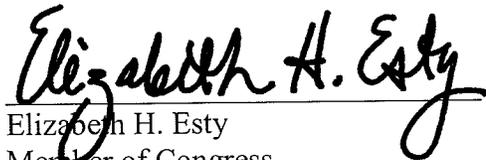
Terri Sewell
Member of Congress



Joe Kennedy
Member of Congress



Tony Cardenas
Member of Congress



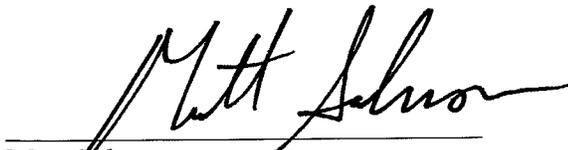
Elizabeth H. Esty
Member of Congress



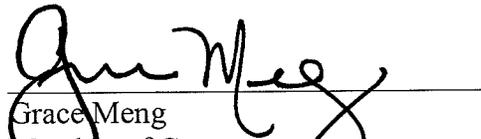
Scott Peters
Member of Congress



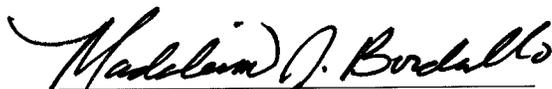
Keith Ellison
Member of Congress

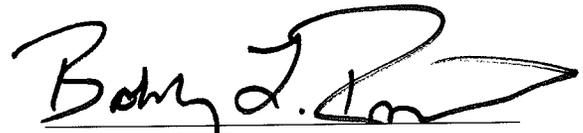

Matt Salmon
Member of Congress


Hakeem Jeffries
Member of Congress

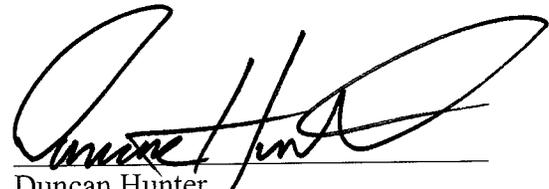

Grace Meng
Member of Congress


Cheri Bustos
Member of Congress

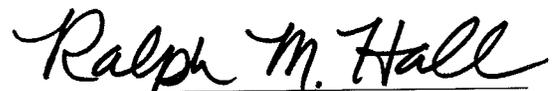

Madeleine Z. Bordallo
Member of Congress

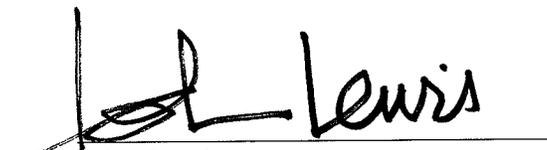

Bobby L. Rush
Member of Congress


Mike Doyle
Member of Congress


Duncan Hunter
Member of Congress


Mike Honda
Member of Congress

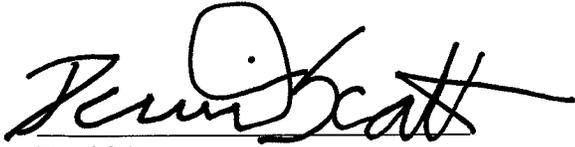

Ralph Hall
Member of Congress


John Lewis
Member of Congress

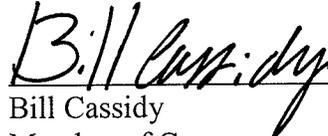

Shelley Moore Capito
Member of Congress


John F. Tierney
Member of Congress


Jim Moran
Member of Congress



David Scott
Member of Congress



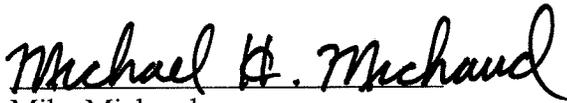
Bill Cassidy
Member of Congress



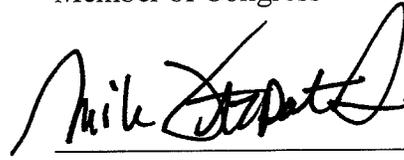
Pat Tiberi
Member of Congress



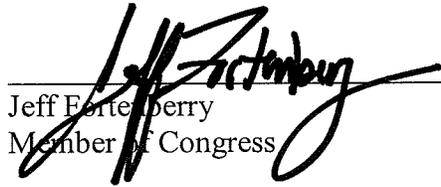
Daniel Webster
Member of Congress



Mike Michaud
Member of Congress



Michael Fitzpatrick
Member of Congress



Jeff Fortenberry
Member of Congress



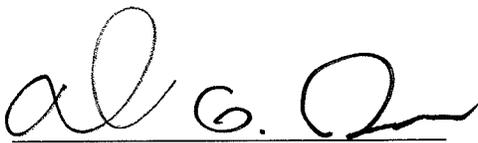
Randy Hultgren
Member of Congress



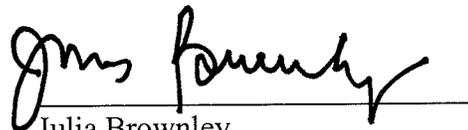
Debbie Wasserman Schultz
Member of Congress



Reid Ribble
Member of Congress



Dennis Ross
Member of Congress



Julia Brownley
Member of Congress



Marc Veasey
Member of Congress