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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
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United States House of Representatives
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Dear Speaker Pelosi,

The Democrats' partisan impeachment process is impeding the House of Representatives from acting on solutions for the American people. As this session of Congress comes to an end, we respectfully request you bring pressing bipartisan legislation to the floor so we can create more jobs, enhance our border security, and provide funding to better protect the United States from rising threats abroad. It is vital that Congress show the American people we can work together to solve our nation's biggest challenges.

Nearly a year ago, the United States, Mexico and Canada came together for the initial signing ceremony of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA). On June 19, 2019, Mexico became the first country to ratify it. This agreement will bolster our already strong economy by adding predictability and certainty for business growth. USMCA will also help combat human trafficking which tragically affects hundreds of thousands of victims a year in cities large and small. While Congress has acted over the years to tackle this heinous crime, more must be done and USMCA is part of the solution. I urge you to bring this up for a vote before the House recesses in December.

Another important priority of the American people is achieving operational control of our border. We are constantly reminded that our borders are being exploited, including by those who are intent on doing Americans harm. Transnational gangs, violent criminals, traffickers, drug smugglers, and other nefarious actors continue to do everything they can to get into the United States. Republicans have offered common sense border security and loophole closing solutions which need action in the House. We also need to ensure that we are properly supporting our front-line defenders and programs to best address the drivers of mass migration, especially in Central America.

One of Congress's main responsibilities set forth in the Constitution is to appropriate taxpayer dollars. Last month, a second continuing resolution was enacted to prevent a government

shutdown. However, continuing resolutions are no way to fund the government and provide federal agencies, employees, and our men and women in uniform predictability. We must pass final FY2020 spending bills that fully fund our military, support our frontline defenders and law enforcement, and provide the necessary resources to the Department of State to help protect against the rising nation state threats including Russia, China, North Korea and Iran. As former Secretary Jim Mattis said, "If you don't fund the State Department fully, then I need to buy more ammunition ultimately."

As the political climate in Washington, D.C. feels more partisan than ever before with the Democrats' drive for impeachment, we urge you to bring these and other bipartisan solutions to the floor. We must show the American people we can come together to tackle our most pressing challenges and to restore their faith in Congress.

Sincerely,



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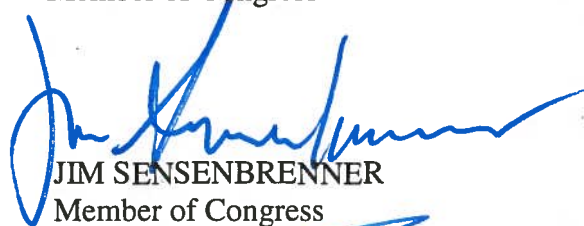
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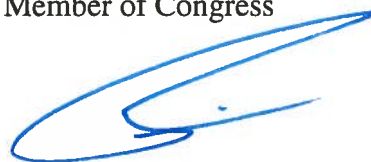
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