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The Hon. John Kerry, Chairman
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Washington, DC 20510

The Hon. Richard Lugar, Ranking
Committee on Foreign Relations
U.S. Senate
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Dear Senators Kerry and Lugar:


We are writing to wholeheartedly support the nomination of our colleague Governor Jon M. Huntsman, Jr. to be the United States Ambassador to the People's Republic of China.

Governor Huntsman is held in the highest regard by his colleagues. We elected him Chairman of the Western Governors' Association last year. During his chairmanship he fostered bipartisanship and a broad international agenda on new solutions for energy, climate change and water challenges. He has been a regional leader on improving the health of our forests and the nation's policy for dealing with wildfire and brokered, with Governor Napolitano, a regional position on the difficult subject of needed reforms to our nation's immigration policies.

Governor Huntsman's professional vitae is unparalleled and perfectly suited to the position as the U.S. Ambassador to the People's Republic of China. As for his personal attributes, you couldn't find a better representative of all that is good and decent about the people of our great nation. He is held in extremely high regard in China and news of his nomination was met with great applause in that country.


We urge you to swiftly approve Governor Jon M. Huntsman, Jr. to be the next Ambassador to the People's Republic of China.

Sincerely,



Sarah Palin
Governor of Alaska


Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor of California


Bill Ritter, Jr.
Governor of Colorado


Linda Lingle
Governor of Hawaii

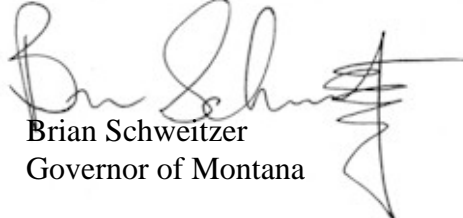
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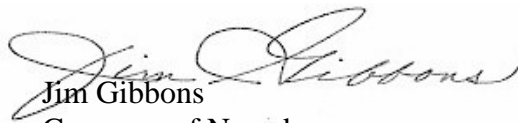
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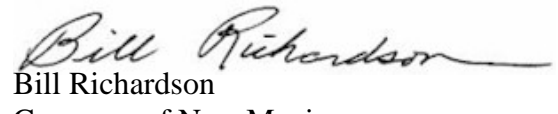
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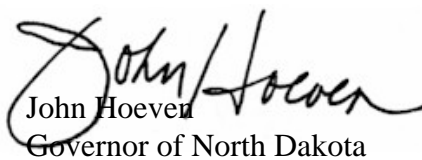
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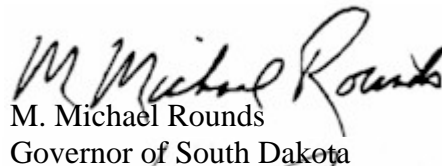
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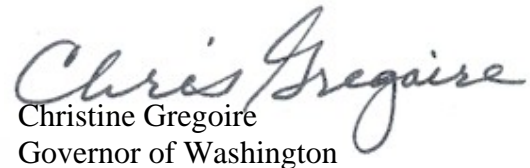
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Governor of Oklahoma



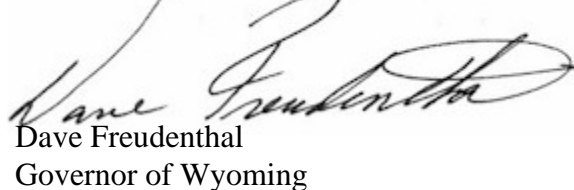
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cc: Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid
Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell
Senate Committee on Foreign Relations