

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

December 2, 2016

The Honorable Donald Trump  
President-Elect of the United States  
Transition Team Headquarters – Trump Tower  
725 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10022

Dear President-Elect Trump:

As you identify and recruit the finest individuals from our nation to serve the American people in your administration, we write to strongly recommend that you consider nominating the Honorable Pete Hoekstra to serve as the United States Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Pete Hoekstra is distinctively qualified to serve as a U.S. ambassador. Born in the Netherlands, Pete brings a unique blend of expertise and perspective to the intersection of global markets and public policy. He traveled to more than 80 countries as chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and stands among the few former U.S. Members of Congress with experience as a Fortune 500 business executive.

As Chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence from 2004 - 2007, Pete focused on strengthening our national security, countering global Islamist terror, and maintaining relationships with key foreign leaders. This background made him a sought after national surrogate on intelligence and security issues during the recent election. Even more, understanding these issues will be of utmost importance for U.S. diplomats serving on the European continent.

Pete's accomplishments have been recognized on both sides of the Atlantic. In 2008, he was appointed as an Officer in the Order of the Orange-Nassau, a royal honor from the Dutch government. In 2010, the CIA awarded Pete its Agency Seal Medal while the Director of National Intelligence presented him the National Intelligence Distinguished Public Service Medal.

As members of the Michigan congressional delegation, we believe that Pete Hoekstra is well suited to represent our nation as the U.S. Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands and urge you to consider his appointment.

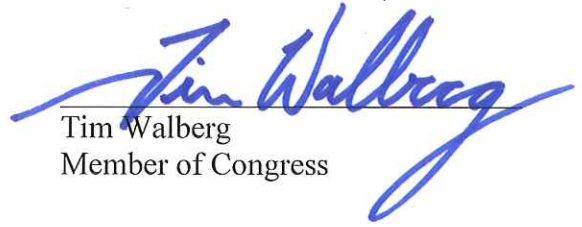
Sincerely,

  
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Bill Huizenga  
Member of Congress

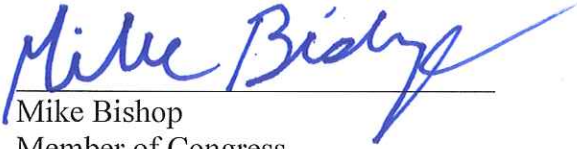
  
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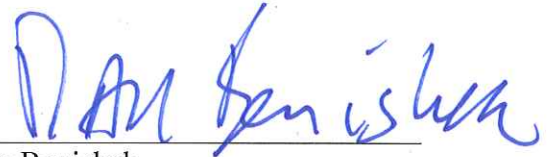
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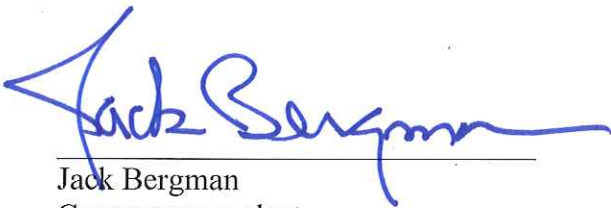
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