

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

March 15, 2011

The Honorable H. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono  
President of the Republic of Indonesia  
c/o Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia  
2020 Massachusetts Ave NW  
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Mr. President:

We write today to express our deep concern regarding regional decrees issued in East and West Java which place severe restrictions on the Ahmadiyyah Muslim religious minority group in several provinces in Indonesia. We also ask that you immediately revoke the 2008 decree that bans many significant Ahmadiyya religious activities in the country and repeal the country's long-standing blasphemy law which is used to prosecute religious minorities for exercising their freedom of religion.

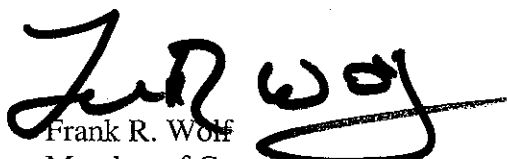
On February 6, several hundred people attacked about 25 Ahmadiyya members in Cikeusik village, Banten province in western Java. Tragically, about 30 police officers who were present made little effort to thwart the attack. Three individuals died and six were injured after they were brutally beaten by the mob with wooden sticks, hoes and machetes.

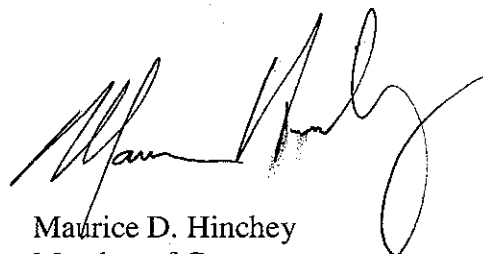
Since the 2008 decree banning many significant Ahmadiyya activities, violence against the religious minority has steadily escalated. Not only do the decrees recently issued in East and West Java run contrary to the principles of international human rights, but we also fear that they will only serve to embolden extremists and exacerbate violence against the Ahmadiyya community.

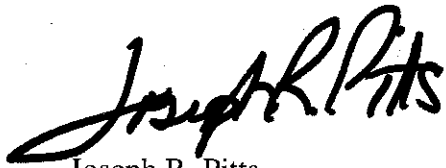
Again, we respectfully request that the decrees restricting the religious freedom of the Ahmadiyya Muslim community be lifted and the blasphemy law repealed.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and we look forward to your response.

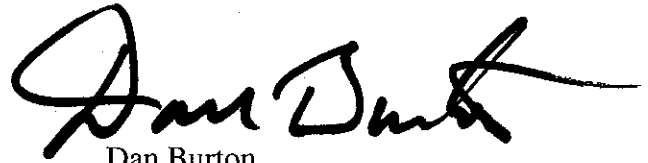
Sincerely,

  
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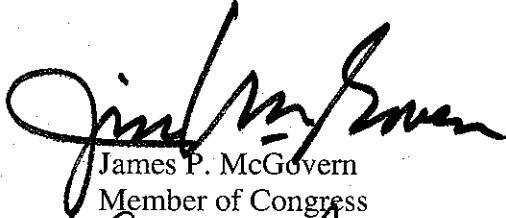
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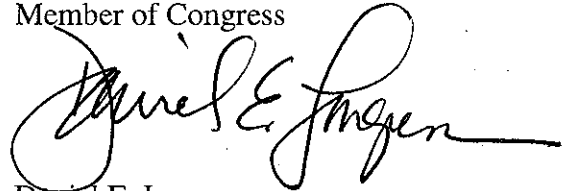
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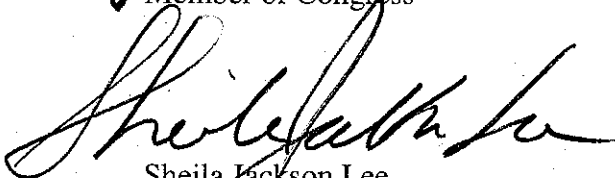
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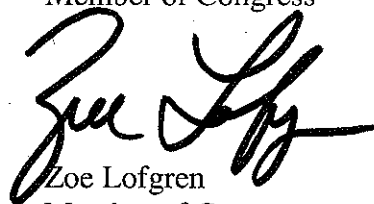
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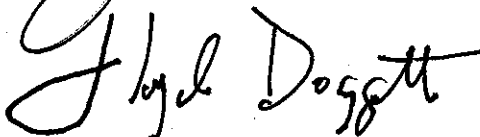
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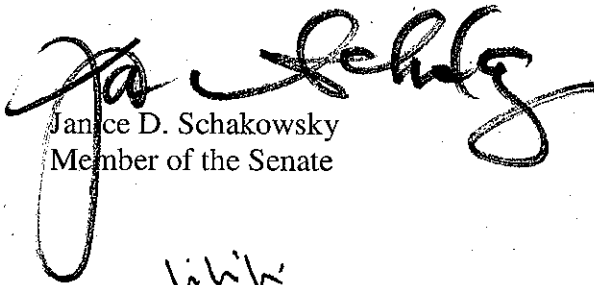
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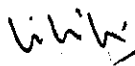
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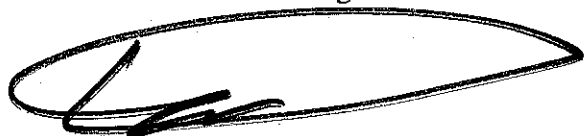
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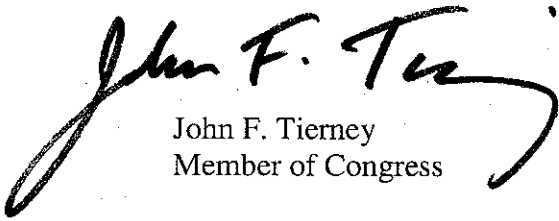
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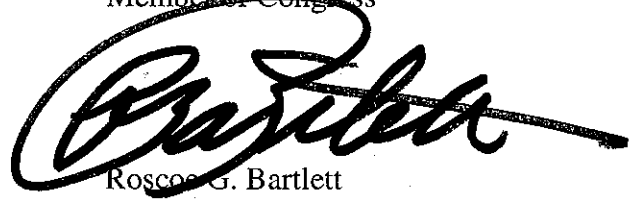
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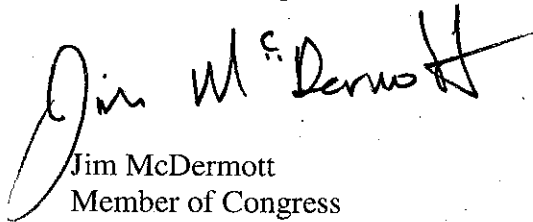
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