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STATEMENT ON THE CREATION OF A NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR HOMELAND SECURITY RESEARCH

The creation of a national research effort on homeland security is an important national challenge that will directly impact the security and well being of the Bay Area, California and of communities throughout the nation.

The Bay Area is home to one of the world's largest aggregation of basic and applied research institutions: five national laboratories (Lawrence Livermore, Sandia-California, Berkeley Lab, NASA Ames and the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center), five major research universities (Stanford, and the University of California campuses at Berkeley, San Francisco, Santa Cruz and Davis), independent laboratories such as SRI International and the Buck Center for Age Research, and an array of leading private sector research laboratories. The applied research and development capacity of Silicon Valley and the region's entrepreneurial community is unique. Bay Area companies represent the largest global concentration of industry in biotechnology and information technology, as well as venture capital. This mirrors the enormous technological, scientific and industrial strength, and entrepreneurial spirit that resides throughout the State of California.

The Bay Area has a strong track record in transferring technologies from its research institutions, and has demonstrated its capacity to rapidly deploy new technologies through the private sector. Its national laboratories, universities and private companies are already in the forefront of the homeland security effort, creating an array of technologies directly related to its critical mission areas. With homeland security a priority and quick deployment critical, the Bay Area and California have a unique capacity to contribute to this key national effort.

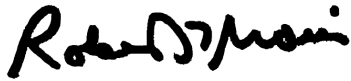
Research on homeland security should be performed throughout the country, reflecting the distinct capabilities of different public and private laboratories and research centers. Based on their established scientific expertise the Bay Area's national laboratories are positioned to play a key leadership role, providing scientific focus, contributing to the development of national solutions, standards and test beds, and meeting technological challenges within their fields of expertise.

With a strong technological base and record of innovation, the Bay Area and California are prepared to play a lead role in meeting this challenge and are strongly committed to support the national R&D effort. As state and regional government, business, economic and research leaders, we support a focused national program for homeland security research that engages both the public and private sectors, that fully draws on the California and Bay Area's readiness and capacity to address this shared national priority.

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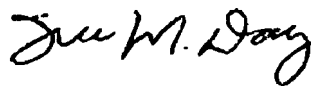
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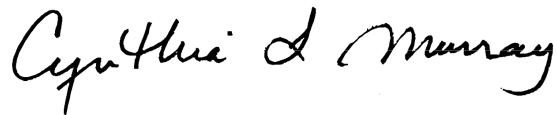
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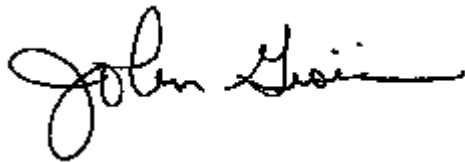
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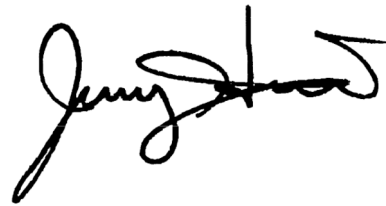
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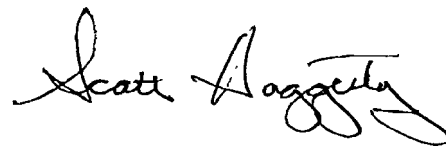
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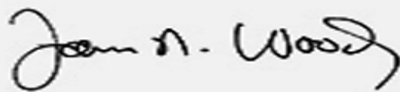
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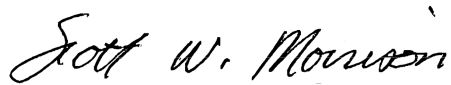
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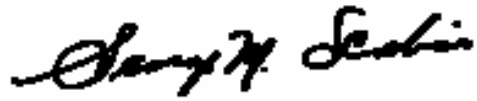
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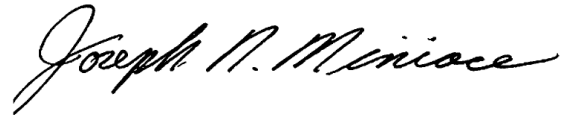
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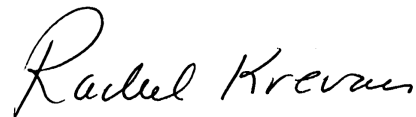
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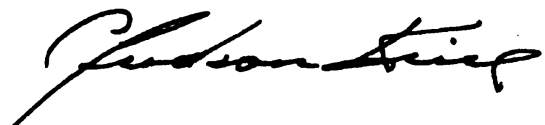
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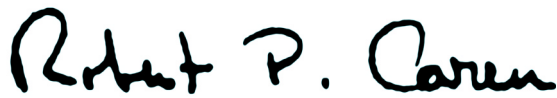
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