

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

May 24, 2022

President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Biden:

We are pleased to see that Finland and Sweden have announced their intent to join the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. As members of the Senate with responsibility for providing advice and consent on treaties, we write to convey our full support for Sweden and Finland's applications for NATO membership. We are fully committed to doing our part to expedite ratification of the Washington Treaty to ensure their quick accession to NATO. Similarly, we ask that you expedite the process in the Executive Branch to ensure that the United States moves quickly to bring two capable and committed partners into our alliance as swiftly as possible.

As you know, NATO has been the bedrock of European security and the global order since the end of World War II. Furthermore, as Russia's unprovoked invasion of Ukraine has proven, NATO, along with our democratic partners around the world, is more united than ever in opposition to the illegal acts of war waged by President Putin. Expanding NATO to include Finland and Sweden will send a clear message to Vladimir Putin, and any leader that attempts to follow in his path, that the free world stands ready to defend its values and sovereignty. We will also continue to support NATO's open-door policy, which affirms that new members are welcome to the alliance.

As our NATO allies rallied to support the United States after September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001, we stand ready to assist them now as they face increasing acts of aggression from Putin's Russia and its proxies. NATO enlargement to include Finland and Sweden will further bolster the alliance, providing crucial military and diplomatic capabilities that will help NATO address urgent security challenges and new and emerging threats. In addition, as Sweden and Finland advance through the NATO membership process, we reiterate our full support for the United States to provide mutual security assurances to the governments of Sweden and Finland. Should these two allies face threats or acts of aggression prior to their potential accession to the alliance, the United States should commit our full support.

Members of the U.S. Senate take seriously our role in advising and consenting to NATO enlargement, a process that must be approved by all NATO member states. We affirm our support for Sweden and Finland's applications for membership. In addition, we pledge to work closely with you and with our Senate colleagues to ensure that their applications are swiftly considered and approved by the Senate.

The transatlantic alliance has never been more crucial to global security and stability. The addition of these two important allies to NATO will ensure the alliance's resilience and readiness, and we look forward to welcoming Sweden and Finland to NATO.

Sincerely,



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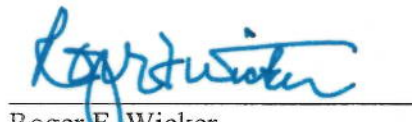
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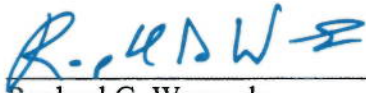
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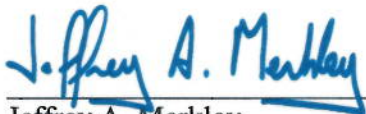
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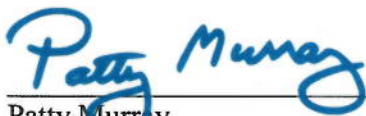
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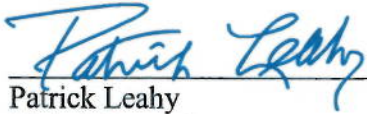
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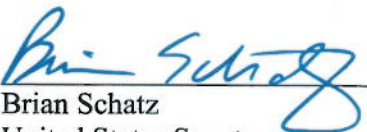
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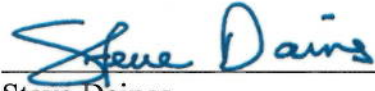
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