

Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20515

December 15, 2011

Mr. Edward W. Stack  
Chairman and CEO  
Dick's Sporting Goods, Inc.  
345 Court Street  
Coraopolis, PA 15108

Dear Mr. Stack:

In recent years, Christmas has come under attack. In particular, efforts have been made to secularize the holiday by separating "Christ" from Christmas.

Nearly 78% of Americans identify themselves as Christians, but a small minority has sought to divorce Christmas from its religious roots. Christmas has been abbreviated as "XMAS," Christmas trees have been renamed "holiday trees," localities are being sued if they display a nativity scene in their town square, and children now have "holiday parties" and "winter break" in our public school systems.

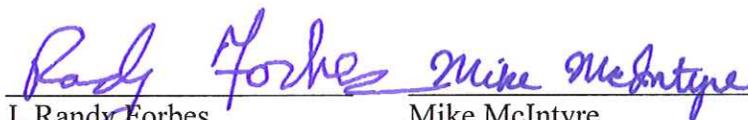
Christmas is an opportunity for spending time with family and friends and is a magical time for children who anxiously await the arrival of Santa Claus; however, it is also a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. The two do not have to be mutually exclusive. Total secularization of Christmas does not have the effect of being inclusive, but rather is exclusive and offensive to Christians who celebrate the religious aspects of this holiday.

As we enter this Christmas season, we wanted to thank you for instituting policies that promote Christmas and for supporting the millions of Americans who celebrate the real reason for the season.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



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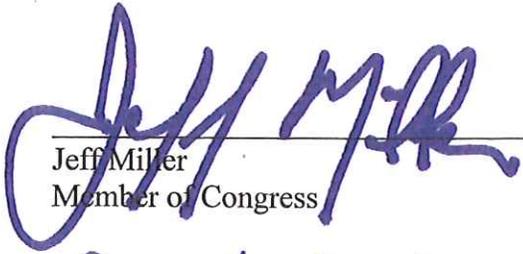
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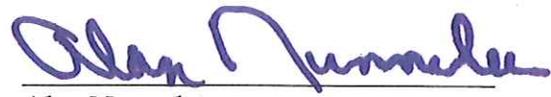
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