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May 13, 2021

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
U.S. House of Representatives
H-232 U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi,

Thank you for working to ensure the health and safety of members of Congress and their staff throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. In light of recent U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance, I write to request you immediately remove all restrictions and provisions instituted in response to COVID-19 in the U.S. House of Representatives.

As you know, today, the CDC updated guidance for fully vaccinated individuals. The CDC now states that vaccinated Americans may resume activities without physical distancing and without wearing masks in indoor and outdoor settings.

Given the new CDC guidance, the U.S. House of Representatives should return to business as usual and no longer operate under unnecessarily strict COVID-19 precautionary measures. Specifically, I request you immediately:

- End proxy voting practices;
- Resume in-person committee hearings;
- Repeal the House's mask requirement;
- Reinstate access to the U.S. Capitol building and House Office Buildings for official business;
- Restore full U.S. Capitol tour operations.

It is important that we, as members of Congress, lead by example by returning to normal operations. Thank you for your consideration of this request. I look forward to getting back to work on behalf of the American people.

Sincerely,



Tim Burchett
Member of Congress