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The Honorable Joseph R. Biden
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
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Mr. President,

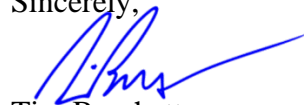
I write to share serious concerns that federal agencies are denying employees of members-elect of the U.S. House of Representatives access to constituent casework assistance from agency liaisons.

Members of Congress employ caseworkers to help constituents navigate the bureaucracy of executive branch agencies. Recent reports indicate, however, that employees of federal agencies such as the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and Internal Revenue Service are being directed to stop helping members-elect and their caseworkers who are trying to provide assistance to their constituents.

This is unacceptable. Thomas Jefferson's Manual states that a member elected "is to every extent a Member except that he cannot vote until he is sworn." More importantly, refusing to work with caseworkers potentially delays access to care and benefits for seniors, Americans with disabilities, and combat-wounded veterans, and could leave Americans who need urgent assistance stranded overseas.

My constituents are your constituents. Therefore, I request that you act immediately to ensure federal agencies continue working with caseworkers to provide the highest level of service to the American people.

Sincerely,



Tim Burchett
Member of Congress