

Members, Committee Chairmen, Resident Commissioner, and Delegates

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Dear Colleague:

The Committee on House Oversight has adopted regulations that further define how Web sites may be named. These regulations governing website domain names are as follow:

- The domain name for an official website located in the HOUSE.GOV domain **must** be recognizably derivative or representative of the name of the Member or the name of the office sponsoring the website.
- The domain name for an official website located in the HOUSE.GOV domain
- **may not:** be a slogan; and,
- imply in any manner that the House endorses or favors any specific commercial product, commodity, or service.

For URLs in use before October 1, 1998, these regulations will become effective March 1, 1999.

In addition, there are several other Information Technology issues that I want to bring to your attention on the [attached fact sheet](#). These changes are part of the ongoing effort to modernize the internal operations of the House.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding these issues, please contact the Committee on House Oversight at x58281 (majority) or x52061 (minority).

Best regards,

Bill Thomas
Chairman