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The Honorable Dan Strodel
Chief Administrative Officer
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HB-30, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Strodel,

As you may be aware, the Committee on Rules is the only Committee — other than the Intelligence and Ethics committees — which does not have the ability to broadcast video of its proceedings in its main hearing room. Given the important nature of our work, my Republican Rules Committee colleagues and I have repeatedly requested that the Majority undertake the installation of cameras in the Rules Committee hearing room to the end that the Committee begin webcasting its proceedings. The Republican Members feel strongly that the American people should have the ability to watch the Committee in action.

While I recognize that it may not be possible to complete the work necessary to permanently install cameras in the hearing room prior to the beginning of the 112th Congress, I am writing today to request your assistance in starting to plan this important project, and in the interim, ensure that we have a temporary solution for streaming video in place on the opening day of the 112th Congress.

Thank you for your assistance. Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Hugh Halpern, the Republican Staff Director of the Committee, at extension 5-9191.

Sincerely,


David Dreier