Temporary Limited Access to the Capitol Complex

TO: All Members of Congress

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SUBJECT: Temporary Limited Access to the Capitol Complex

DATE: April 28, 2020

In consultation with the Office of Attending Physician, the House and Senate Sergeants at Arms are extending access limitations throughout the Capitol Complex until 8 a.m. on Saturday, May 16, 2020. These temporary limitations are extended given the ongoing COVID-19 concerns.

The temporary limitations are as follows:

Capitol Visitor Center

The Capitol Visitor Center will be closed to all tours, including Member and staff-led tours.

Capitol

The Capitol will remain open to Members, Congressional staff, and credentialed press. Official business visitors to the House wing of the Capitol must be met by House staff outside of the South Door and escorted to and from their destination. Visitors must be escorted by staff at all times. An individual staffer may escort a maximum of nine visitors at a time, for a total group size of 10. Staff and visitors should practice meaningful social distancing while part of the group. The Capitol will be closed to all tours, including Member and staff-led tours.

House Office Buildings

The House Office Buildings will remain open to Members, Congressional staff, and credentialed press. Official business visitors to the House Office Buildings must be met by House staff at an entrance and escorted to and from their destination. Visitors must be escorted by staff at all times. An individual staffer may escort a maximum of nine visitors at a time, for a total group size of 10. Staff and visitors should practice meaningful social distancing while part of the group.

I appreciate your support of this decision to protect the health and safety of everyone on campus, including visitors.

If you have questions or need assistance, please

contact the Office of the Sergeant at Arms at 202-225-2456.