



Ranking Member Morelle Opening Remarks at Member Day Hearing

The following remarks were prepared for delivery during the Committee on House Administration full committee hearing on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. ET. The hearing titled, “Member Day” took place in room 1310 of the Longworth House Office Building.

I want to thank the Chairman for calling this meeting and ensuring our compliance with the rules of the House and I want to welcome all of our friends and colleagues to the Committee on House Administration.

Our portfolio of authorities here is diverse. While we have considerable legislative and oversight responsibilities --from the funding and administration of federal elections to the stewardship of our nation’s premiere cultural institutions in the Smithsonian and Library of Congress--House Administration is, ultimately, a customer-service enterprise.

Whether it’s the security of these buildings, the food in our cafeterias, the computers on our desks, the paint on our walls, or how we communicate with our constituents, we oversee all of it.

And we take this responsibility seriously. For evidence of that, look no further for than the work of this Committee’s Subcommittee on Modernization and Innovation and that panel’s predecessors in the previous Congresses.

Members, staff, and visitors interface with the House’s many services and business units every day, to varying degrees of satisfaction, and that’s what makes Member Day at House Administration so unique and informative. There is no shortage of consumer data.

And while we here at the Committee are the ultimate oversight entity of the House, this place could not function without the thousands of employees of our institutional partners, whose hard work and dedication make the House not just survive but thrive.

At a time when the federal workforce is being subject to an indiscriminate and possibly unconstitutional assault by the current administration, I want you to know your efforts do not go unnoticed or unappreciated.

I look forward to hearing from our colleagues about what's important to them and their constituents and how they think we can improve our service to the House community.

I'm also confident there will be no shortage of Members appearing today simply to lavish us with praise and acclaim for what we are doing right so I eagerly welcome their kind words, and I yield back.

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