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The Honorable Robert A. Brady 102 Cannon House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Ranking Member Brady,

I write in response to your July 14th letter to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives expressing concerns about the draft resolution to initiate a lawsuit against the President. As always, the Committee, and Republicans, will be open and transparent about the use of taxpayer money. I will, however, note that there is no higher use of taxpayer funds than protecting and defending the United States Constitution which both you and I took an oath to uphold and defend.

All appropriate and applicable procurement procedures will be followed in the award of any contract for outside counsel for a lawsuit. Regardless of your partisan political feelings on the lawsuit, I am sure that you would agree that the United States House of Representatives, as an institution, deserves full and zealous advocacy in the defense of its prerogatives as a co-equal branch of our government and in defense of the Constitution.

Rest assured that I will not unilaterally ignore or rewrite laws passed by Congress.

Sincerely,

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Candice S. Miller Chairman, Committee on House Administration

CC: The Honorable John A. Boehner, Speaker United States House of Representatives

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