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Dear Republican Colleague,

I am so proud to be a part of this House Republican team. Two years ago, we unified around a single goal – taking back the House. Through all the ups and downs, challenges, and adversity, we never lost sight of our target. We stayed relentlessly focused on the issues that matter most to the American people and they responded by delivering us a House Republican Majority.

Now it's time for us to focus on delivering for the American people who have trusted us with such a great task. With America facing challenges both at home and abroad – now more than ever – we need to be united as we fight to deliver a better future for our country.

As you know, we are prepared for this moment. Through your engagement on the various task forces, we were able to develop the bold, conservative agenda laid out in the Commitment to America. Now it is time to turn that Commitment into action.

With this bold, conservative agenda in mind, I am asking for your support to be the next House Majority Leader. The American people deserve a House of Representatives that can move the agenda that was promised to them on the campaign trail. As your Majority Leader, I will work relentlessly to usher our vision through the House and show the country how conservative ideas can solve the problems that families are facing.

You know my leadership style that I've displayed as your Whip for the last eight years. I have a proven track record of bringing together the diverse array of viewpoints within our conference to build consensus where others thought it impossible. Through conservative victories like the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, 21st Century Cures Act, CRAs to reverse radical Obama-era regulations, and trade deals like USMCA, we came together to enact serious conservative victories. More recently, the Whip Team was successful in keeping our conference completely unified against the so-called "American Rescue Plan" and "Inflation Reduction Act." As your Majority Leader, I will bring the same level of focus and work ethic to the job so we can all deliver for the American people.

The last four years of Democrat control have caused serious damage to the House of Representatives and the country. Their top-down approach to legislating has left members and those who we represent out of the legislative process. As we embark on our historic next chapter in the 118th Congress, I want to empower committees and individual members to be able to fully participate in a Congress that works for the people who elected us. We have an extremely talented conference, and we will need all of our talents and abilities to get our country back on the right track. To accomplish our goals, we need to:

Turn our bold, conservative agenda into legislative action:

- Reinvalidate the committee process: With such an ambitious agenda, we can't afford to waste time. We must quickly get committees up and running so they can hold hearings and consider legislation through regular order committee processes. I will work with committee chairs to ensure we are balancing the urgency of action with the need for quality and thoughtfulness in each piece of legislation we move.

- Ensure committees are coordinating: With so many high priority issues that touch multiple committees, committee coordination cannot be an afterthought. From the economy to China to energy to national security, it is imperative that we are working together on legislation as well as when we make our case to the American people. I will work with committee chairs to ensure that committees are working together on the many challenges facing our country.

Hold the Biden Administration accountable:

- Prioritize oversight of the Biden Administration: It is not news to any of you that President Biden does not want to sign many of our priorities into law. Additionally, it is likely that his Administration will ramp up its administrative onslaught on the American people now that he has lost the House of Representatives. We must be relentless in our oversight of this Administration. From the politicization of the Justice Department to the job crushing regulations coming from every agency, we need to shine a bright light on the actions and policy failures of this administration. I will work with committee chairs to ensure that everybody in the Biden Administration is on notice that we will be holding them accountable for their actions.

Cultivate a legislative process built on regular order and member input:

- End proxy voting: We must immediately roll back the many harmful procedures Democrat Leadership has put in place. This starts by eliminating the absentee, stay-at-home Congress. We must end proxy voting and remote committee operations - providing more accountability and better representation.
- Restore orderly House operations: It's important that members have a Congressional schedule that is predictable and allows us to carry out the goals and objectives we set. First, I intend to follow the House calendar we lay out so each of you can better plan your time in Washington and back home in your districts. Second, I will protect time set aside for committees to conduct their business. Third, I will prioritize efficiency and reliability on the House Floor during votes and in the weekly floor schedule.
- Prioritize quality over quantity: Far too often, Democrats have rammed through legislation that had no committee action, minimal time for member review, no CBO score, and limited debate on the House Floor. It is time to revamp the operations on the House Floor by instituting a predictable, deliberate process so that we can focus on the quality of the legislation we pass in Congress. This will provide for a far greater level of member input at every step in the legislative process while giving us the ability to make the case for our policies to the American people. This will also ensure that final products are ready for the House Floor.

We have a tremendous opportunity in front of us. The American people have been clear that it is time for a new direction in this country. I am proud to be a part of this new House Republican Majority, and am confident that we will rise to the occasion, pull together, and deliver on our bold, conservative agenda. I look forward to working with you on the battles ahead as your House Republican Majority Leader, and I humbly ask for your support.

God Bless,



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