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Dear Legislative Branch Officials:

It has been 2 years, 7 months, and 29 days since the People's House closed. That means for 973 days, the American People have been restricted from exercising their constitutional right to petition the first branch of government. 973 days without being able to freely visit their Member of Congress at the Capitol Complex. 973 days without being able to access the House gallery and watch their representatives vote on legislation in person.

That posture is no longer acceptable.

Earlier this week, our country voted for new leadership. I am committed to heeding our constituents' concerns and getting our nation back on track, starting with the operations and management of the House of Representatives itself. As such, beginning on January 3, 2023, the People's House must once again be open to the American public.

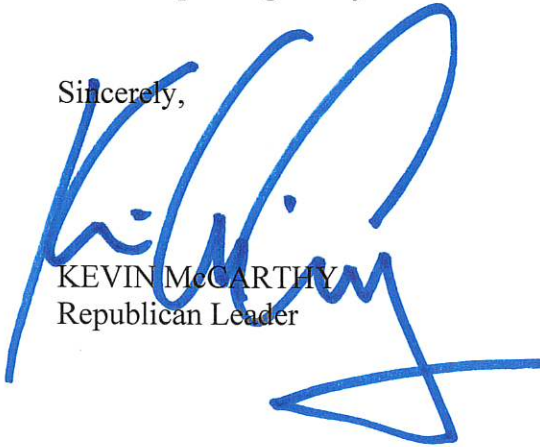
Reopening the House is more than just a symbolic measure - government of the people, by the people, and for the people requires interaction with the people. It is for this reason that we must welcome Americans from across this nation back to the Halls of Congress.

After years of closure, I am aware that there are many logistical and security requirements needed to reopen the Capitol, including the personnel shortages inside the ranks of the U.S. Capitol Police (USCP). Please know you will have my full support as we take the necessary steps to return to a place of normalcy. In that vein, I write to request:

1. A full written plan on how your office plans to fully reopen the House beginning on January 3, 2023;
2. A meeting with my team to discuss this plan, what necessary steps must be taken, and how we can best serve your office, as we ensure a safe return and reopening.

I hope we can all agree that 973 days is more than long enough for the American People to be shut out of their government. I look forward to speaking with you soon on this important issue.

Sincerely,



KEVIN McCARTHY  
Republican Leader