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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House of Representatives
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Leaders Schumer, McCarthy and McConnell:

Members of our profession understand the challenges that Congress has faced and we have been sympathetic to its health, safety, and security concerns over these last two years. Even though the Centers for Disease Control has issued new guidance on masking and infections are down across the National Capital Region, there are still the security concerns about the Capitol and congressional office buildings. We have developed a proposal that could enable Congress to re-open for public visits, which would help ensure that people remain healthy and safe.

The country has reopened, and businesses have employees back in the office. Kids are back in the classroom. Sporting and concert venues have opened for live events. And, with restaurants trying to make a comeback, we would urge Congress to do the same and reopen to the people without appointments starting July 11, 2022. What better message to send to the public that we are turning the corner on two years of very difficult and challenging times for this country than by announcing that Capitol Hill is again open to the public?

We would like to begin an immediate dialogue with you to discuss reopening Congressional office buildings in a way that is safe for all with security measures already being used in many state legislatures. On behalf of the profession and those listed below, we thank you and look forward to working with you on ensuring a healthy and safe reopening.

Respectfully,



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