

January 5, 2021

Senator Roy Blunt, Chairman
Senate Committee on Rules & Administration
United States Senate

Senator Amy Klobuchar, Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Rules & Administration
United States Senate

The Honorable Zoe Lofgren, Chairperson
Committee on House Administration
United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Rodney Davis, Ranking Member
Committee on House Administration
United States House of Representatives

RE: Prospective Guidance for Future In-Person Constituent Meetings

Dear Chairman Blunt, Ranking Member Klobuchar, Chairperson Lofgren, and Ranking Member Davis:

On behalf of the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE) and its membership of more than 48,000 association executives and industry partners representing 7,400 organizations, thank you for your leadership during this challenging time. I write today asking for guidance regarding the future of in-person constituent meetings in the House and Senate. We understand and wholeheartedly agree that the safety and security of Members of Congress and their staffs are paramount, and that guidance from the Capitol physician will help inform an eventual return. We also recognize that in-person constituent meetings will not be permitted until the vaccine is comprehensively rolled out and our country has stemmed the horrible tide of COVID-19 cases and deaths.

As we enter a new year, however, trade associations and professional societies are planning legislative conferences that rely heavily on constituent participation. **Therefore, Congressional guidance as it relates the future of in-person meetings in Congress is greatly needed to support organizations' planning and promote Americans' expression of their First Amendment rights.**

Thank you for your invaluable service to our country and for your respectful consideration of this issue. If you or your staff have questions, please contact Mary Kate Cunningham, CAE, senior vice president of public policy for ASAE, at mcunningham@asaecenter.org or 202-626-2787.

Sincerely,



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CC:

United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker
The Honorable Kevin McCarthy, Minority Leader

United States Senate

The Honorable Mitch McConnell, Majority Leader
The Honorable Chuck Schumer, Minority Leader