

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Republican Colleague:

As senior members of the Oversight and Government Reform Committee, we would like to take this opportunity to share with you our support for Darrell Issa to become the Committee's next Ranking Member. Darrell has played an essential role on the Committee and we know he will be an effective leader of Committee Republicans.

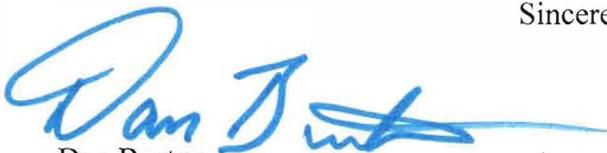
Over the past four years, Darrell Issa has been an enthusiastic subcommittee chairman and ranking member. At the full committee level, he has never shied away from issues nor from standing up for the positions and ideals of our Conference, which have come under attack by Henry Waxman and the Democratic leadership. Often, Ranking Member Tom Davis took a conciliatory approach with Waxman, deferring to Darrell to be a more forceful voice for Committee Republicans.

The Oversight and Government Reform Committee has an extremely broad reach and has oversight jurisdiction over all government departments, programs and agencies. Darrell Issa has continually shown a keen interest in all issues brought before our panel. From his investigation of corruption at the Minerals Management Service while Chairman of the Energy and Resources Subcommittee, to his aggressive lines of questioning in hearings on the financial crisis, Darrell Issa has shown a commitment to upholding the function of the Committee, which at its core is a tool to highlight waste, fraud and inefficiencies in government, while serving as a bold voice to counter the Committee's Democratic agenda.

Darrell Issa's understanding of the issues, coupled with his energetic approach to encouraging the participation of all Republicans on the Committee will make him an outstanding Ranking Member.

We hope you will join us in our support for Darrell Issa to be the new Ranking Member of the Oversight and Government Reform Committee. We believe that he is the best person to further the positions of the Conference while acting as a counter to the Democratic Committee Chairman. This Committee can be an effective tool for helping Republicans retake the majority, and Darrell Issa is the most able to represent our Conference.

Sincerely,



Dan Burton
Member of Congress



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