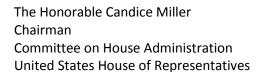
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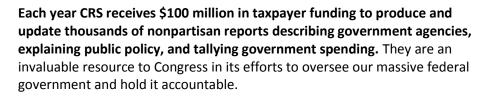
The Honorable Roy Blunt Chairman Committee on Rules and Administration United States Senate

The Honorable Gregg Harper Vice Chairman Joint Committee on the Library United States Congress



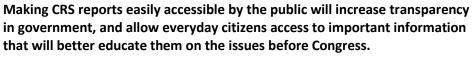
Dear Chairman Miller, Chairman Blunt, and Vice Chairman Harper,

As a coalition of 12 conservative, free market organizations we urge you to expand public access to Congressional Research Service (CRS) reports.



Members of Congress and their staff have easy access to CRS reports. So too do lobbyists and other Beltway insiders, who often pay for the reports through expensive subscription services. But taxpayers cannot easily get copies of CRS reports.

This policy is unfair and outdated. It also stands in stark contrast to other legislative branch agencies: both the Congressional Budget Office and the Government Accountability Office release their reports to the public.



The bottom line is taxpayers pay for these reports. It is only fair that they have easy access to them.

Sincerely,

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