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The Honorable David Vitter
Chairman, Committee on Small Business & Entrepreneurship
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

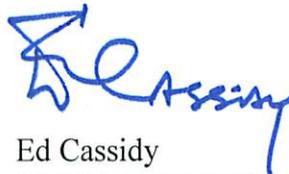
Dear Chairman Vitter:

I am writing in response to your letter of February 5, 2015. You have inquired about certain administrative processes which facilitated the purchase by Members and employees of the House of Representatives of employer-provided health coverage, pursuant to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and implementing regulations adopted by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Although I appreciate your interest in this important issue, I have been unable to identify a provision of the senate rules indicating that the internal operations of the House of Representatives fall within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. *See* Rule XXV.1 (o), Standing Rules of the Senate.

That said, I am advised that recently you directed a similar letter to the Financial Clerk of the Senate Disbursing Office. While noting that I did not hold my current position during the period in question, I nevertheless have no reason to believe that a description by the Senate Disbursing Office of its actions in this matter would differ markedly from the description I would provide were the House's internal administrative procedures within the jurisdiction of your Committee.

Sincerely,



Ed Cassidy
Chief Administrative Officer