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From: The Committee on House Administration - Minority Staff

Dear Colleague:

There is widespread agreement that our current levels of spending are unacceptable. There is also agreement that our current pace of consumption of natural resources is not sustainable. The way we manage our checkbook and our environment must change.

Accordingly, we urge our colleagues to oppose the Walberg Amendment, #197, eliminating funding for the Green the Capitol office. Green the Capitol has one basic principle: the House of Representatives should be a powerful example of how government can both protect the environment and the taxpayer.

The Green the Capitol program has had direct impact on the way that House Offices in Washington, D.C. and various districts operate. To date, the program has resulted in the diversion of 10,000 tons of waste from landfills, the reduction of 28,000 Metric Tons of CO2 and the conservation of 16 million kilowatt hours of electricity. Through these sustainability and cost saving initiatives, the program has saved taxpayers over 3 million dollars and has the potential to save more than 5 million dollars annually.

We encourage our colleagues to reject the Walberg Amendment and, in so doing, confirm our commitment to protecting our environment and saving money.