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The Honorable Zoe Lofgren
Chairperson
Committee on House Administration
1309 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rodney Davis
Ranking Member
Committee on House Administration
1216 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairperson Lofgren and Ranking Member Davis,

Pursuant to Section 504 of House Resolution 756 from the 116th Congress, I am submitting this quarterly report about establishing and maintaining a database of votes taken in Committees. This report also discusses other Committee operations matters, including the creation of a tool that will assist with scheduling Committee meetings and activities to avoid conflicts and Member double-booking.

As the Committee knows, to assist in our analysis of the potential Committee votes and Committee scheduling tool projects and to gather information and investigate possible solutions, we published two requests for information (RFIs) on January 27, 2022. The response deadline for both RFIs was February 18, 2022, and we continue to review the submissions.

Although my staff are preparing a plan and proposal for addressing these needs, we believe that there will be viable options in the near to mid-term future to address the Committee's recommendations. Based on our review of the RFIs, we think that an initial solution for collecting votes electronically that largely conforms to the existing Committee clerk roll call process is the most expedient and lowest-risk approach. This solution will allow Committee clerks and my staff to preserve the existing documents and workflow while adding a layer of data to the established documents and systems that manage Committee data. Based on the RFI responses, we believe that continued study of next generation voting technologies is warranted.

For Committee scheduling, we did not see any solutions that were immediately applicable to the complexities of scheduling Committee activities alongside Member schedules, but we are aware of several ideas for simplifying scheduling tasks—be that before a Committee is ready to publicly announce a meeting or when a Committee announces a meeting date and time. We will continue to study this issue and engage with outside groups to solicit ideas and feedback for potential solutions. Additionally, we have had preliminary conversations with Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) staff, including the House Digital Services team, on possible integrations with existing CAO enterprise efforts and alignment with longer-term CAO plans for enterprise systems.

We look forward to presenting the Committee with more details in the near future and will work toward a plan for addressing these recommendations and requesting resources and appropriations to deliver the solutions.

If you or others on the Committee have questions about the contents of this report, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Cheryl L. Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Cheryl L. Johnson
Clerk of the House