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Dear Colleague,

I am pleased to announce the 2013 calendar for the U.S. House of Representatives is publicly available in printable month-by-month and one-page formats, as well as through a downloadable Google calendar, at MajorityLeader.gov.

Part of our goal in scheduling the House is to ensure that we never lose touch with the constituents we each represent while completing our work in Washington. Time spent in the district between Monday and Friday is essential for meeting with small businesses, employees, seniors, veterans, and other local communities during working hours. We will continue to accommodate Members with longer distances to travel home and provide at least one constituent work week each month, with the exception of June.

To make the most of our time in Washington, we will protect each morning for committees to conduct substantive work without interruption and we will limit floor votes to the afternoons, with the exception of appropriations work. Finally, we will adjourn each week no later than 3:00 p.m. on the last day in session each week. Combined, these reforms have brought increased predictability to Members' schedules and efficiency to the committees and floor.

Our country faces enormous challenges in the months and years ahead. The House's 2013 calendar is set—it is now up to us to find common ground to deliver results for the people who elect us.

Sincerely,

Eric Cantor Majority Leader