Dear Colleague:

The Committee has received several inquiries regarding payment of travel and travel-related expenses (meals, lodging, & incidentals) to attend the Republican Conference Retreat (February 9-11 in Cambridge, MD) and the Democratic Caucus Retreat (February 2-4 in Williamsburg, VA).

Members and staff may not seek reimbursement from the Members' Representational Allowance for any expense related to these retreats, including travel to and from these events. Consistent with past practices, the Federal Election Commission has authorized the use of campaign funds for expenses related to attendance at these retreats. As always, Members may also use personal funds to defray such expenses.

If you have any questions, please contact the Committee on House Administration staff at x5-8281 (majority) or x5-2061 (minority).

Sincerely,

Vernon J. Ehlers, Acting Chairman
Juanita Millender-McDonald, Ranking Member