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TO: Secretary of the Senate Francis W. Patience

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RE: RECORDS REQUEST: Staffing pursuant to Senate Rule X, §8

Senate Rule X, "Senators", contains a §8 which reads as follows:

"8. Staffing. All Senators shall receive the same base allocation of funds for staffing their offices. Additional funding for responsibilities associated with committees and leadership positions shall be allocated within amounts available for committee and leadership staff; such amounts shall include, at a minimum, a budget sufficient to appoint a staff member with expertise in the committee's subject matter. The funding for the Democratic conference central staff shall not be less than thirty percent of the funds allocated for all central staff on a per member basis."

Pursuant to Senate Rule XV, "Freedom of Information", request is made for all publicly-available records setting forth:

- (1) the "base allocation of funds" that all Senators receive "for staffing their offices";
- (2) the "funding...amounts available for committee...staff";
- (3) the "funding...amounts available for leadership staff";
- (4) the funding allocated to each chair and ranking member of the Senate's 34 standing committees for staffing their committees, and, in particular, for staffing the Senate Finance Committee; the Senate Judiciary Committee; the Senate Committee on Investigations and Governmental Operations; and the Senate Elections Committee;
- (5) the funding allocated for each leadership staff;
- (6) "the funds allocated for all central staff on a per member basis";
- (7) "[t]he funding for the Democratic conference central staff".

Thank you.

