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June 16, 2022

Hon. Cheryl L. Johnson  
Clerk of the United States House of Representatives  
H-154 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Johnson,

Your office manages the Bulk Data Task Force, which was established by Congress in 2012 to determine whether certain legislative data should be published online as structured data.<sup>1</sup> The Bulk Data Task Force completed this task and recommended that data such as bill summaries, status and text be posted online in this format.

As the Bulk Data Task Force continues its work to increase transparency, identify efficiencies and modernize data in the legislative branch, its name should reflect its current mission and activities. The Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress recommended changing the Task Force name to the Congressional Data Task Force.<sup>2</sup> The Committee on House Administration agrees with this recommendation, and hereby directs the Office of the Clerk to change the Task Force name to the Congressional Data Task Force.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Zoe Lofgren  
Chairperson

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<sup>1</sup> U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Appropriations, Legislative Branch Subcommittee, Report Accompanying Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2013, H. Rept. 112-511 (2012).

<sup>2</sup> U.S. House of Representatives, Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress, Recommendations to Reclaim Congress' Article One Powers, Boost Staff Capacity, Improve the Schedule and Calendar, Improve the Budget and Appropriations Process, Identify Administrative Inefficiencies and Improve Technology and Continuity, H. Rept. 116-651 (2020).

Cc: Rep. Rodney Davis, Ranking Member, Committee on House Administration  
Rep. Derek Kilmer, Chairman, Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress  
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June 21, 2022

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

Dear Chairperson Lofgren,

I have received your letter dated June 16, 2022, directing my office to change the name of the Bulk Data Task Force to the Congressional Data Task Force.

As I stated in my January 20, 2022, written testimony before the Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress, “[T]his ongoing collaboration has been positive for our office, other legislative branch organizations, legislative stakeholders, and data transparency groups, ultimately leading to technological advances in how legislative data are made public. My staff and I fully support the name change. The proposed name change accurately captures the current work and mission of the Bulk Data Task Force.”

I have directed my staff to change the name to the Congressional Data Task Force and appreciate your continued support in our modernization efforts.

Sincerely,



Cheryl L. Johnson  
Clerk of the House

cc: The Honorable Rodney Davis, Ranking Member, Committee on House Administration  
The Honorable Derek Kilmer, Chair, Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress  
The Honorable William Timmons, Vice Chair, Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress