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Dear National Academy of Public Administration Fellows,

Thank you for accepting the invitation to be a member of the Speaker's Task Force on Intergovernmental Affairs Advisory Council. Your leadership, research, and expertise on federalism has played a crucial role in shaping the discussion of this important constitutional feature.

The mission of the Speaker's Task Force on Intergovernmental Affairs is to examine the current balance of power between the federal government and states, tribes, and local governments. In order to accomplish this mission, the Task Force will partner with stakeholders at all levels to provide a forum for discussion and ultimately the development of a report with findings on the current state of intergovernmental affairs.

Over the coming months, the Task Force will hold a number of formal and informal meetings to accomplish this important mission. In preparation for those meetings and to better assist the Task Force in its efforts, we solicit your feedback to the following questions:

- What specific policy proposals and outcomes would your organization like to see come out of the Task Force?
- How might federal procedure and/or structure be changed to strengthen the federal relationship with state, tribal, and local governments?
- What hearing topics and witnesses do you recommend for the Task Force?

Any additional information or suggestions you provide is welcomed. Your extensive experience in this space makes you an asset to the Task Force. I look forward to working closely with you to examine how we can better balance power at all levels of government. Please do not hesitate to contact Adam Stewart at Adam. Stewart@mail.house.gov or 202-225-0453 with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Rob Bishop Chairman

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