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To the Members of our Republican Team:

In 2009 the Republican Party was declared an “endangered species” on the cover of Time Magazine, yet six years later there are more Republicans in the House than at any other time in nearly 90 years. Despite our successes as a majority, our opponents want to paint our conference as incapable and not worthy of the trust of the American people. We proved our opponents wrong when we took the Speaker’s gavel from Nancy Pelosi, and I know that if we join together and unify as a team we can prove them wrong again.

Our conference was at a crossroads in 2009, and this upcoming leadership election provides us with yet another crossroads. **I am contacting you this morning because, if given the opportunity, I plan to run for Majority Whip so we can work together and put our conference on the right path to fight for our conservative principles on behalf of the American people.**

While serving as NRCC Chairman in 2010, I boldly proclaimed that our party would retire Nancy Pelosi as Speaker. Political pundits – and even members of our party – thought that was impossible, but we did it with a net-gain of 63 seats and a new class of 89 freshman members.

Retiring Nancy Pelosi did not happen because of the actions of a few people. We worked together as a team to rebuild the NRCC into a member-driven organization that gave its members real responsibilities. Most importantly, we built campaigns from the ground up based upon the ideas and feedback from our candidates.

As Rules Committee Chairman, I share the concern I hear every day that we need to return to regular order and I understand the processes and mechanisms necessary to achieve that goal. Each of you know your districts and your constituents better than I do, which is why our party should move together according to your ideas and your concerns instead of those dictated to you. I have spent many late nights at the Rules Committee listening to your ideas on how we should move forward as a team, and as Majority Whip, I would dedicate the same time and passion into turning your ideas into consensus and action.

Since winning back the majority, we have worked together to successfully stop President Obama, Nancy Pelosi, and Harry Reid from ramming through their liberal agenda, but we still have much work to do to implement our conservative philosophy into law. We have the opportunity for bold conservative solutions, and we need a process that’s driven by all members of the majority to accomplish that goal.

I know how to build a successful member-driven institution because that’s exactly what we did at the NRCC and what we have done at the Rules Committee. Our next Whip needs to demonstrate bold leadership that pays

attention to process and the people involved in that process. Our next Whip also needs to unite and strengthen our conference based upon the ideas of all of our members.

I have always believed in our team. I have always fought for our team. **I humbly ask for your support for Majority Whip so that I can use my experiences and skills to best serve our conference.**

Your friend,

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