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Dear Colleague:

The Commission on Congressional Mailing Standards (Franking Commission) is pleased to announce that, effective immediately, Members may include incidental holiday greetings in their official constituent communications.

Prior to the Commission's adoption of this new commonsense policy, franking regulations prohibited any form of a holiday greeting whatsoever. However, the new policy, which still prohibits Members from sending communications for the sole purpose of expressing a holiday greeting, allows Members to include simple holiday salutations like Merry Christmas or Happy Hanukkah.

Should you have questions regarding the new policy, please contact the Republican Commission staff at x60647 or the Democratic Commission staff x59337.

Sincerely,



Candice Miller
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Ranking Member