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Dear

Thank you for attending my Kentland Congress on Your Corner event on August 20, 2013. I would like to address your questions regarding H.R. 1333, the Military Family Leave Act and H.R. 1666, the Patient Centered Quality of Life Act.

I understand you will follow up with my office with an email providing more details about your concerns. While I will be glad to answer your additional questions, I wanted to go ahead and address the questions you have already posed. As you may know, H.R. 1333 was introduced by Representative Matthew Cartwright of Pennsylvania on March 21, 2013. It was referred to the House Veterans Affairs Committee. This bill grants employed family members of uniformed troop's temporary annual leave during deployment periods. Like all Americans, I am grateful for the service of all those in the military, and I certainly appreciate the tremendous sacrifices their family members make.

H.R. 1666 was introduced by Representative Emanuel Cleaver of Missouri on April 23, 2013. It was referred to the House Energy and Commerce Committee. This bill would create a new health care initiative for seriously ill patients by establishing a stakeholder summit, a quality of life education and awareness initiative, workforce training grants, an advisory committee, and palliative care research. The health of Hoosiers is very important to me, and I understand the important of palliative care as Americans are living longer and facing more complex health conditions.

While I have not reached a final decision on these bills, I appreciate your input. Please be assured I will keep your views in mind as I further study these issues.

Again, thank you for attending my Kentland Congress on Your Corner event. Please stay in touch.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Todd Rokita".

Todd Rokita
Member of Congress

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