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Dear

Thank you for attending my Rensselaer Town Hall event on August 19, 2013. I appreciated your questions regarding benefits for undocumented immigrants, veterans, and sequestration and wanted to follow up with you.

Regarding your question on undocumented immigrants, these individuals are not eligible for Social Security, and therefore do not receive unemployment in the state of Indiana. Furthermore, those in the country illegally are not eligible for Medicaid or Medicare. In our compassionate country no individual in serious medical need is turned away from hospitals. The right to vote in federal elections is reserved constitutionally to American citizens.

I appreciate and share your concern for our veterans. After a long decade of war, we need to ensure that our veterans receive adequate care, and we must see to it that veterans receive the benefits they were promised. You may be interested to know that I have been working with my colleagues to address the Veterans Affairs benefits backlog. This backlog is completely unacceptable. I have joined several colleagues in Congress in standing up and fighting for those 600,000 veterans who are stuck in the VA disability process. I am proud to join my colleagues in signing a letter to the President requesting he be directly involved in ending this backlog.

Finally, I believe that the Obama Administration's decisions to close the White House to tours and ground the Blue Angels were unnecessary and politically motivated. Sequestration requires \$85 billion in cuts for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2013. This amount is entirely manageable and achievable. These cuts only take us back to 2009 spending levels. The White House was open for tours and the Blue Angels flew in 2009, and there is no reason to deprive Americans of these national treasures now. This Administration should be held accountable for its mismanagement of sequestration.

Again, thank you for contacting me, and please stay in touch.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Todd Rokita".

Todd Rokita
Member of Congress

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