



Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515-3220

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Dear Edward,

Thank you for contacting my office to express your concerns about President Bush. I truly appreciate hearing from you.

Like many Americans, I am concerned that for the last six years, the Congress has not provided the proper balance to the Administration. Fortunately, I can assure you that in the current Congress I am working hard to make the change voters demanded in November. The American people spoke clearly, demanding a new direction-both in Iraq and in Washington.

Restoring accountability in Washington is essential to rebuilding the public's faith in the federal government. Not surprisingly, the previous lack of Congressional oversight has lead to several egregious problems, ranging from the lack of adequate response to Hurricane Katrina, to unauthorized surveillance of American Citizens, to the suspension of habeus corpus, to billions of taxpayers' dollars unaccounted for in Iraq.

Our Constitution brilliantly makes the Congress and President equal partners. I am proud to say that the 110th Congress takes that charge seriously and I am committed to making the President and his Administration accountable, by way of all the powers at our disposal, from Congressional hearings to specific legislation.

Thanks again for contacting me on this important issue. Please do not hesitate to contact me again in the future if I can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kirsten E. Gillibrand".

Kirsten E. Gillibrand
Member of Congress