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Dear :

Thank you for contacting me regarding H.R. 10, legislation to reform the Hatch Act.

As you may know, this legislation passed in the House on June 7 by a vote of 244-164. I share your concern about the delivery of Constitutional rights to federal employees. For this reason, I supported Hatch Act reform.

I believe that federal employees should have the opportunity, as private citizens do, to participate in political activities if they so desire. In this respect, the Hatch Act discriminates against federal employees. H.R. 10 reforms this unfair practice and sets up guidelines to protect against abuse.

The bill is now under consideration in the Senate.

Please feel free to contact me again if I can be of further assistance to you.

Sincerely,

PAUL E. TSONGAS
Member of Congress

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