

United States Senate  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

November 9, 2020

The Honorable Emily W. Murphy  
Administrator  
General Services Administration  
1800 F Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20405

Dear Administrator Murphy:

We write to urge your full and prompt cooperation with the transition team of President-elect Biden and Vice-President-elect Harris under the authority provided to you under the Presidential Transition Act of 1963 (P.L. 88-277).

As this law states:

The national interest requires that such transitions in the office of President be accomplished so as to assure continuity in the faithful execution of the laws and in the conduct of the affairs of the Federal Government, both domestic and foreign. Any disruption occasioned by the transfer of the executive power could produce results detrimental to the safety and well-being of the United States and its people. Accordingly, it is the intent of the Congress that appropriate actions be authorized and taken to avoid or minimize any disruption.

We hope you will recognize that every hour between now and January 20, 2021 is critical for the transition team's preparations for taking on the multiple, pressing challenges our nation faces. In the spirit of national unity and common purpose in addressing the needs of the American people, we request that you extend the necessary funding, resources, and assistance to the transition team upon their request and without delay.

We appreciate your attention to this matter and request a response by the end of the week with details on the actions you are taking to support a smooth transition of power to the next administration.

Sincerely,



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Benjamin L. Cardin  
United States Senator



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Chris Van Hollen  
United States Senator