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Michelle Mrdeza We are still in good shape with Mrdeza. When I told her that we were meeting with Congressman Burton today, she volunteered that we could tell him and his staff that, "there is every indication that the Appropriations Committee is supportive of the one year extension." And then she repeated that statement.My reference to the Burton meeting came in response to her question if we had ever made contact with the Government Reform staff. I told her yes and that we had met with staffers. Michelle appeared a bit surprised that we were going to actually see Burton today. I explained the connection to the constituent interns and let her know that we were aware of, and sensitive to, what else was going on relative to Burton.When I asked her if our proposed extension had been brought before Chairman Kolbe, she replied it had not, and said there probably would not be any action on it until the Subcommittee mark-up. I took this as an indication that it would come up again in preparation for their bill and we would be included in it.Michelle had gotten my message through her deputy, Jennifer, that the Administration was supportive and was going to send up a budget amendment to the Hill. I updated her with the information that Tracy received yesterday from Kim Newman.I also told Mrdeza that the "Istook letter" would go up to the Subcommittee members this week. She was pleased to hear that.I asked Michelle if there was anything else that we should be doing now. She said no.Because Michelle has delegated our extension issue to Jennifer to some degree, I am going to give her a call today.Kip LadyLady told me that we our names are on Burton's schedule for 3:30 p.m. He spoke with the Congressman's scheduler. Kip did not know if the Congressman would have time to bring Moll into the meeting with us. I told Kip that we would stop in after seeing Burton, if he and Moll had not joined us.Kevin MathisI did not see him. He was in a staff meeting with the Senator. I would like to try again today after the Burton meeting and left a voice mail message for him this morning stating that I'd come by late in the day.Brian DettelbachDettelbach was not available, but I left him a note containing an update.

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