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Of course, openness in government is a two-way street, so I'll continue to rely on the benefits of your opinions!

Sincerely,

Steve Israel

Member of Congress