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Mr. Rick Rudy  
President  
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Dear Mr. Rudy:

Thanks for sharing with me your concerns and the newspaper article regarding the draft Executive Order governing access to classified information that would adversely affect the rights of millions of Americans in the government and private sector.

I did write to President Bush vigorously opposing this draft Executive Order, and strongly urging him to ensure that the millions of Americans who work in the defense industry or aspire to government service are granted basic due process rights. I firmly urged that there is no need to dispense with our nation's values of fairness and due process in order to run the system that defends those very values.

You will be happy to know that, as a result of congressional opposition, the White House has set up a new Working Group to review the issue. That Working Group is expected to take six to nine months to complete their review.

Please rest assured I will continue to work on this important issue very actively, with your concerns in mind. I appreciate knowing of your support for my efforts in this regard. Thanks again for writing.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,



Don Edwards  
Member of Congress

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