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Dear Education Leader:

Every year, Members of the Congress are allowed to display one piece of artwork by a high school student from their district in the U.S. Capitol for one year. I hold an annual judged arts competition to select which art from the 9th Congressional District receives this honor. Please find enclosed "2008 Congressional Arts Competition Guidelines" and "Student Information Release Form."

In order to reduce out of pocket expenses for students, **entries are not required to be framed, only matted.** This is a change from previous years. Please note each student is limited to one submission. In addition, work must be original in concept. **Copies of copyrighted work will not be accepted.**

Please distribute copies at will and encourage your high school students to enter. Students who apply must submit their entry with two copies of a completed release form by **Friday, April 4, 2008** to my district office.

Entries will be accepted Monday through Friday, from March 1 through April 4 at my district office located at 3600 Port of Tacoma Road, Suite 106 in Tacoma, Washington, during regular business hours from 8:00am to 5:00pm. Please contact my office for after hour delivery. Entries for the 9th Congressional Art Contest will be on display at Tacoma Art Museum located at 1701 Pacific Avenue, Tacoma during the month of May. Due to space limitations, it may not be possible to display all work.

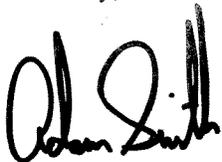
The winner of the competition will be announced at the Art Exhibition and Reception on **Saturday, May 10, 2008 at 1:00 pm** at Tacoma Art Museum. Tacoma Art Museum has graciously offered to waive admission for contest entrants, their families, their teacher, and sponsors. If you are interested in attending this reception, please RSVP by Wednesday, May 7, 2008 to Arif Jamal at (253) 896-3775 or email: OfficeAssistantWA09@mail.house.gov.

The selected student will win prizes and be invited to attend the national reception for a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Wednesday, June 25, 2008 in Washington, DC. Three round-trip airline tickets are donated by a major airline for travel to the event. The winning entry will be displayed in the Cannon tunnel of the U.S. Capitol for one year.

If you have any questions please contact Ms. Tina Johnson at (253) 896-3775 or email: tina.johnson@mail.house.gov.

Thank you for your service to our students.

Sincerely,



Adam Smith
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