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Washington, DC -- "I cannot stress enough that the decision by the Capitol Police to close the House Office Buildings is only a precautionary measure. There is absolutely no evidence that there is anthrax or any harmful substance within the House Office Buildings, but given the fact that there was anthrax exposure in a Senate Office Building, we are erring on the side of caution. The temporary closure will allow the appropriate officials to gain access to offices and perform their tasks as quickly as possible. While this is taking place, my Washington staff will be working from their homes and my Hackensack office remains open on a normal schedule."

"The recent slew of anthrax discoveries has understandably put many people on edge, but everyone should know that the government is doing everything to ensure the safety of all Americans. There is no doubt in my mind that we will destroy all those who wish to do us harm. America cannot and will not be defeated by anyone, any group, or any country. We are a nation of great people with an everlasting spirit and an incredibly strong determination and resolve. I urge all the people of New Jersey and all Americans to stand united behind their country and president as we continue to put an end to all terror."

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