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To All Governors:

I would like to make a suggestion in consideration of the threats and risks from terrorists to our Federal Government. It must be assumed that another attack on Washington, D.C. is a clear and distinct possibility.

I suggest that every Governor review and prepare for appointing a complete replacement of the Representatives and Senators from each of your respective states. I assume that each state has its own protocols. Should a review reveal that there would be significant time lapses, I suggest proposing legislation which would enable, in an emergency, immediate, even if interim appointments. Thus, should an attack occur which resulted in the deaths of a large number of the members of Congress, appointments could be made immediately so that Congress could continue to be active. I further propose that one (or more) alternate sites be selected so that Congress could adjourn to another location, presumably a State Capitol since the facilities are already existent.

This proposal would accomplish several things:

1. American citizens would be calmed by knowing that our representatives work could go on barely missing a day.
2. We could be assured of continuous representation, rather than having everything fall under control of the Executive Branch, which itself might have been decimated.
3. Perhaps most importantly, knowing that we have a practical plan, which would allow our country to continue to run quite effectively, would minimize the attractiveness of the target, and perhaps, hopefully, decrease the odds of such an attack happening at all.

Thank you for considering this idea.

Sincerely,  
Lucy Cutler

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