

Public Statement of Congressman Jared Polis 7/19/2017

“When any community member contacts my Congressional office attempting to navigate and understand the federal government system, I make every attempt to be responsive. Per my constituent's request, I have contacted the Parliamentarian of the House of Representatives to provide clarification about Congress's obligations and authority under Article V of the U.S. Constitution. As a member of the House Rules Committee, understanding procedural issues are critical for me to be an effective member of that Committee. Based on a conversation with the Parliamentarian, it is clear that no formal process exists for either chamber of Congress to officially count applications passed by states," said Polis. “I believe that citizens should have access to all levels of government from a local school board all the way up to the President of the United States. As a member of Congress I have a duty to help my community members understand the legislative process.”