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Acting Librarian of Congress Newlen,

I write with extreme concern regarding the removal of several key sections from the U.S. Constitution from Constitution.Congress.gov, commonly known as "The Constitution Annotated." While the Constitution cannot be altered by simply editing a webpage, this change opens the floodgates of misinformation.

To be clear – these are not simply formatting errors. From Article 1, sections that implement the powers of Congress, provide checks against the President, govern the military, and create basic rights Americans consider sacred have been removed. The Library of Congress has long been a reliable source of knowledge regarding our Constitution, and the Constitution Annotated is cited regularly by academics, legal professionals, and everyday citizens alike.

The current Administration, aided by the elimination of many internal checks against corruption and abuse, has regularly flaunted the rule of law. Given that the Library of Congress operates solely under the authority of Congress, I am writing to you today in my official capacity as a Member of Congress with urgent questions:

1. What errors led to portions of Section 8 and the entirety of Sections 9 and 10 of Article 1 being removed from Constitution.Congress.gov and its related webpages?
2. Why were changes to Constitution.Congress.gov and its related webpages implemented?
3. Who, both within the Library of Congress and across the Administration, approved the changes?
4. What led to the several hour delay between discovery of these changes and their correction?
5. Have any political appointees or Administration officials directed you or any other personnel in your office to make any changes to any Library of Congress website?

If you have any questions, please reach out to Tanner Marston in my office at [Tanner.Marston@mail.house.gov](mailto:Tanner.Marston@mail.house.gov). I look forward to your prompt reply.

With grave concern,

  
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Member of Congress