



Washington, DC 20515

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A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

At the close of business on Wednesday, September 22, 2004, the lower terrace of the West Front of the United States Capitol will be closed for the construction of the 2005 Presidential Inaugural stands.

Fencing will be erected around the construction site and there will be **no** access to the Member and staff entrance on the lower terrace.

Public tours will be rerouted directing visitors to exit from the upper west terrace doors and depart from the Senate side of the Capitol.

The West Front will be re-opened in mid-February 2005 following the Inaugural activities and the removal of the stands.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Alan M. Hantman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Alan M. Hantman, FAIA
Architect of the Capitol