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PRESIDENT OBAMA PLAYS POLITICS WITH LOCAL RESIDENTS' VACATION PLANS

WASHINGTON – Today, Congressman Robert Pittenger began writing the 150 local families, school groups, churches, and civic organizations that had booked White House tours through his office to inform them that President Obama has decided to play politics with their vacation.

The White House has stated that the tours, which are self-guided, are cancelled due to “staffing reductions resulting from sequestration.”

“How does eliminating a self-guided tour save money on staff?” asked Congressman Pittenger (NC-09). “Besides, everyone knew that sequestration was a possibility, and I chose to proactively limit expenses in preparation for the possible cuts. As a result, my Congressional offices remain open, ready to assist constituents and serve the people of the 9th District. Perhaps President Obama shouldn’t have wasted so much money traveling over 5000 miles to campaign against the sequester and instead planned wisely.”

The United States Capitol remains open to visitors, and Congressman Pittenger will be happy to arrange tours for residents of the 9th District. For more information, call Congressman Pittenger’s Washington office at 202-225-1976.

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