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From: Dresser, Sammie on behalf of Zapien, Ivan
Sent: Thursday, January 20, 2022 3:55 PM
To: 'alexander.brockwehl@mail.house.gov'
Subject: Houthi Escalation and Obstruction in Yemen

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Sent: Thursday, January 20, 2022 3:49 PM
To: 'liam.forsythe@mail.house.gov'
Subject: Houthi Escalation and Obstruction in Yemen

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To: 'marcos_ibarra@cortezmasto.senate.gov'
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Sent: Thursday, January 20, 2022 3:52 PM
To: 'michelle.shevin-coetzee@mail.house.gov'
Subject: Houthi Escalation and Obstruction in Yemen

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Sent: Thursday, January 20, 2022 3:56 PM
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To: 'zoe.oreck@mail.house.gov'
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Sent: Thursday, January 20, 2022 5:26 PM
To: 'colby_kuhns@cramer.senate.gov'
Subject: Houthi Escalation and Obstruction in Yemen

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To: 'charles.morrison@mail.house.gov'
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From: Coleman, Norm B.
Sent: Thursday, January 20, 2022 5:23 PM
To: 'dan_burgess@blunt.senate.gov'
Subject: Houthi Escalation and Obstruction in Yemen

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From: Coleman, Norm B.
Sent: Thursday, January 20, 2022 5:31 PM
To: 'doug.nation@mail.house.gov'
Subject: Houthi Escalation and Obstruction in Yemen

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To: 'gabriella.zach@mail.house.gov'
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From: Coleman, Norm B.
Sent: Thursday, January 20, 2022 6:38 PM
To: Maruggi, Elizabeth
Subject: FW: Houthi Escalation and Obstruction in Yemen

From: Broderick, Jon (Cornyn) <Jon_Broderick@cornyn.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 20, 2022 4:25 PM
To: Coleman, Norm B. <norm.coleman@hoganlovells.com>
Subject: Automatic reply: Houthi Escalation and Obstruction in Yemen

[EXTERNAL]

I am no longer assigned to Senator Cornyn's office. Please contact Isaac Jalkanen (Isaac.Jalkanen@cornyn.senate.gov) and Henry Juvera (Henry.Juvera@cornyn.senate.gov) for future correspondence. Thank you

Respectfully,

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To: 'liz_banicki@sullivan.senate.gov'
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Sent: Thursday, January 20, 2022 5:24 PM
To: 'molly_ryan@collins.senate.gov'
Subject: Houthi Escalation and Obstruction in Yemen

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Sent: Thursday, January 20, 2022 5:32 PM
To: 'wayne_jones@portman.senate.gov'
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All my best,

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From: Coleman, Norm B.
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Subject: Houthi Escalation and Obstruction in Yemen

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