

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 7, 2006

Dear Congresswoman DeGette:

Thank you for your letter requesting to meet with President Bush.

Although the President would appreciate meeting with you, regrettably, we are unable to accommodate your request. Thank you for understanding.

The President sends his best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Melissa S. Bennett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "M" and "B".

Melissa S. Bennett
Deputy Assistant to the President
for Appointments and Scheduling

The Honorable Diana DeGette
United States House of Representatives
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