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Please keep confidential but...

They have a completely different experience here and, in my opinion, somewhat understandable so it will be very, very hard to get them to be supportive.

When anthrax hit Daschle's office, they had NIAID telling them the anthrax vaccine was unnecessary considering the staff were taking antibiotics. DoD offered them the anthrax vaccine and around 30 staffers took it AT THE RECOMMENDATION of their staff leadership. There were reportedly no adverse events but they may have only taken one shot.

Therefore, they are wedded to their decision and recommendation to staff, believe their experience was a good one, and are grateful that DoD circumvented NIAID. As a result, of all people in the Senate, they may be most difficult to sway.

When I met with them on this, we both were adamant about our positions but saw where the other was coming from, even if we disagreed.

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