Corrigendum

How Much is Majority Status in the U.S. Congress Worth? — CORRIGENDUM

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he authors regret the inclusion of an error in the above article. The fourth paragraph in p. 302 of the published text reads thus:

Our results, presented in Table 1, show that electorally less safe members, those on exclusive committees, those voting more conservatively, and first-termers all received more in receipts from business PACs, other things constant. Only the last effect, however, is statistically discernible from zero.

It should say

Our results, presented in Table 1, show that electorally less safe members, those on exclusive committees, and those voting more conservatively all received more in receipts from business PACs, other things constant. And sophomores, with $\Delta Frosh_{it}$ scores of -1, received less in receipts from business PACs, other things constant. Only the last effect is statistically discernible from zero.

ΔFrosh is a control variable in the study and ours was a misinterpretation of the reported estimate (which is correct in the text and table), so this corrigendum has no substantial impact in the findings we report nor in the claims we make. It will interest scholars focused on newcomer members of Congress. The authors are grateful to Scott Ainsworth for pointing out our failure to take the cross-temporal perspective when interpreting this coefficient. We apologize for this error.