

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

March 13, 2024

The Honorable Patty Murray
Chair
Senate Appropriations Committee
Room S-128, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Susan Collins
Vice Chair
Senate Appropriations Committee
Room S-128, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Murray, Vice Chair Collins, Chairwoman Granger, and Ranking Member DeLauro,

As you negotiate to finalize the Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) Legislative Branch appropriations bill, we respectfully request that you include language to prohibit a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for Members of Congress.

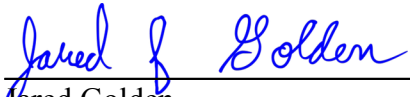
As you know, our nation is confronting a series of challenges: working families and our small businesses are continuing to struggle to make ends meet from inflation, our immigration system is broken, and our global adversaries are aggressively seeking to expand their influence in Europe, the Middle East, and the Indo-Pacific. Despite these realities, most members of Congress currently receive an annual salary of \$174,000 a year, more than approximately 90 percent of American households.

Over the past several years, the House and Senate Appropriations Committees have made the important and correct decision to not move forward with language that would allow Members of Congress to receive a pay raise. Given continued congressional inaction to address our nation's most pressing challenges, we ask that any final, negotiated FY24 Legislative Branch appropriations bill make clear that none of funds can be used for a COLA increase for Members of Congress.

Representing your community in Congress is about public service, not about how big your paycheck is. Until Congress can demonstrate to the American people that it can work in a bipartisan, bicameral way to move our country forward, we believe that including explicit language to prevent a pay raise for Members of Congress is the right thing to do.

We appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Jared Golden
Member of Congress



Brian Fitzpatrick
Member of Congress



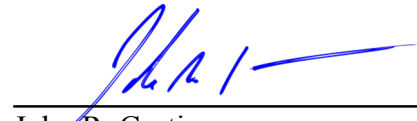
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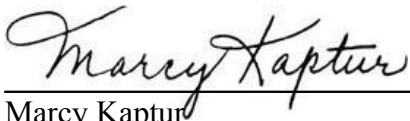
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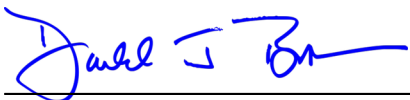
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