

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Legislative Branch Subcommittee
House Committee on Appropriations
H-306
The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Ryan and Ranking Member Herrera Beutler:

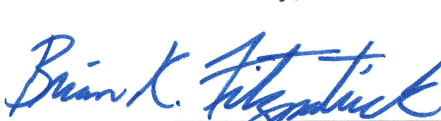
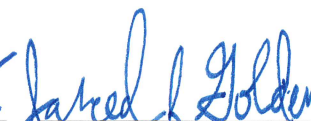


As you begin crafting the fiscal year 2021 Legislative Branch appropriations bill, America's infrastructure is crumbling, our immigration system is broken, healthcare costs continue to rise, and far too many Americans are struggling to make ends meet. Despite these realities, most members of Congress currently receive an annual salary of \$174,000 a year, more than approximately 90 percent of American households.

During the fiscal year 2020 appropriations process, your subcommittee made the important and correct decision to remove 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 the subcommittee incorporate the following, or similar language to ensure that Members of Congress do not receive a pay raise:

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no adjustment shall be made under section 601(a) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4501) (relating to cost of living adjustments for Members of Congress) during fiscal year 2021.

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 this language in the appropriations bill is the right thing to do. We appreciate your consideration to this request.

Sincerely,

			
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