

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

June 13, 2024

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Democratic Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
H-204, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Johnson and Leader Jeffries:

As you finalize the Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) Legislative Branch appropriations bill, we respectfully request that you exclude any 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.

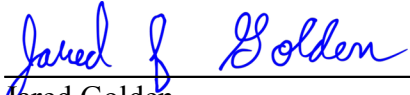
Over the past several years, the House and Senate Appropriations Committees have made the important and correct decision to not move forward with language that would allow Members of Congress to receive a pay raise. Given continued congressional inaction to address our nation's most pressing challenges, we ask that the House FY25 Legislative Branch appropriations bill include the following language:

“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 2025.”

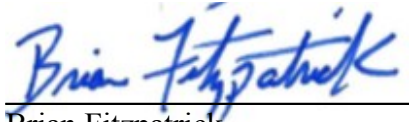
Representing your community in Congress is about public service, not about how big your paycheck is. Until Congress can demonstrate to the American people that it can work in a bipartisan, bicameral way to move our country forward, we believe that excluding Member COLA language in the appropriations bill is the right thing to do.

We appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



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