

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2302

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The Honorable David Valadao
Chairman
Subcommittee on Legislative Branch
Appropriations
H-306, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Adriano Espaillat
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Legislative Branch
Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Valadao and Ranking Member Espaillat:

As you consider spending proposals in the Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) Legislative Branch appropriations bill, we urge you to prevent a pay raise for Members of Congress from appearing in any final bill language.

We know that life costs too much right now. Hardworking families are bending over backwards and working multiple jobs just to put food on the table. We have heard from our constituents that the price of everyday household goods such as groceries, gas and housing have far surpassed their paychecks and that they are struggling to meet the rising costs. In Washington, we must be working every day to help lift those folks up and ensure their hard work pays off, not scheming on how to give ourselves a raise.

We also must be responsible stewards of taxpayer dollars. Our debt is reaching unsustainable levels. Interest payments on the national debt already cost taxpayers more than we spend on education, infrastructure and veterans combined. We've got to cut government spending when it's not helping everyday Americans and that starts with ensuring that we are not putting forward a bill that will allow Members of Congress to take a pay raise at taxpayer expense.

That is why I join many of my colleagues in respectfully requesting you add the following language to the Fiscal Year 2025 Legislative Branch Appropriations bill:

“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.”

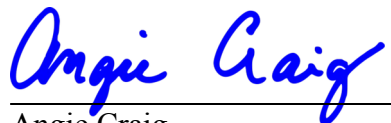
Now is the time to focus on bipartisan solutions which invest in hardworking Americans. We need to enact legislation that focuses on the issues our constituents are facing – rising costs at the grocery store and pump, addressing security at the Southern border and ensuring economic opportunity for farmers and small businesses in our districts.

Americans deserve to know that their Members of Congress are fighting for them, to lower costs for working families – not to increase our own paychecks.

Thank you again for your consideration of this request. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

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