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House of Representatives
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The Honorable Tim Ryan
Chairman
Subcommittee on Legislative Branch
Appropriations
H-306, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jaime Herrera Beutler
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Legislative Branch
Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Ryan and Ranking Member Herrera Beutler:

Thank you for your continued leadership as we navigate the challenges and opportunities that have arisen so far in the 117th Congress. As you consider spending proposals in the 2022 Legislative Branch appropriations bill, we urge you to prevent a pay raise for Members of Congress from appearing in any final bill language.

For the last year and a half, hardworking Americans in our districts and across the country have been fighting to make ends meet during the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting economic downturn. Many of them have lost their jobs and livelihoods. Countless more have been forced to make difficult decisions about childcare, education, workforce participation, and healthcare because of forces out of their control. To be clear: these hardworking Americans have not been able to give themselves raises. Members of Congress should not do so either.

As we work to respond effectively to the pandemic and build back better, it is imperative that we make strategic investments that directly and positively impact constituents in our districts. Congress has demonstrated its ability to make these types of bipartisan investments with legislation like the CARES Act already. We must continue to do so.

Now is not the time to write ourselves bigger checks. Now is the time to renew our focus on crafting bipartisan legislation that invests in the American people and helps us build back better.

Thank you for the consideration of this request. We appreciate your work, and we look forward to further conversations on how best to ensure that the Legislative Branch continues its leadership coming out of COVID-19.

Sincerely,



Angie Craig
Member of Congress



Chris Pappas
Member of Congress