

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 21, 2010

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
H-232, US Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

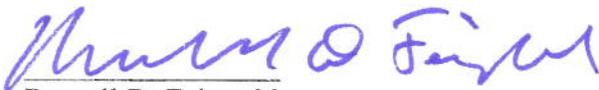
Dear Speaker Pelosi:

We urge you to bring up for a vote legislation passed by the Senate last year, S. 620, that would end the system of automatic, annual pay raises for members of Congress. Passing this bill would save roughly \$80 million over ten years, and help demonstrate that Congress is willing to tighten its own belt as we work to reduce record deficits.

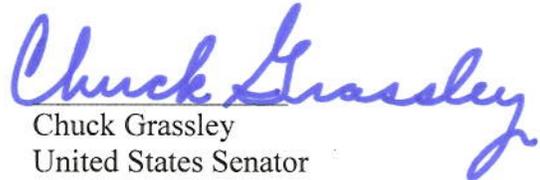
We appreciate your efforts to prevent members of Congress from receiving a pay raise in 2011. While that was an important step, it is time to end a system that guarantees members a pay hike unless they act to block it. The burden should be on members of Congress who believe they deserve a raise to pass legislation, not on those who want to block one. Few of our constituents have the power to raise their own pay -- Congress should exercise this power openly, on the record.

We thank you for considering our request and hope the House will soon take up S. 620.

Sincerely,



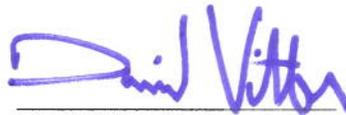
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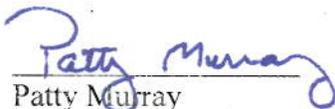
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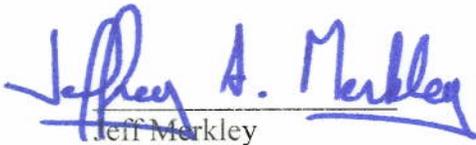
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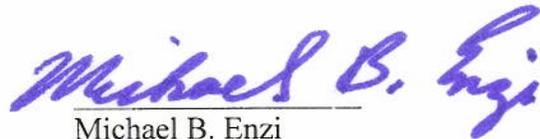
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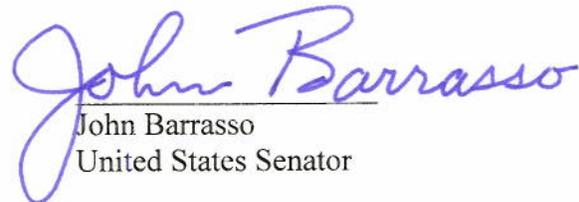
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