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STATEMENT BEFORE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION
February 4, 2015
RE: COMMITTEE FUNDING

AS PREPARED FOR DELIVERY

Thank you, Chairwoman Miller and Ranking Member Brady. I am pleased to join Chairman Sessions in presenting the Committee on Rules' budget request for the One Hundred Fourteenth Congress.

I would like to begin by saying that, though our committee is often a place of heated debate on policy and politics, in the end, our work impacts this body as a whole. We are not bound by policy portfolio, but by service to this institution.

Though our function has evolved since 1789 when it was founded, the Committee continues to serve as a pillar of support for the House.

Informed by our understanding of the committee's unique role in the House, we have a long tradition of performing the administrative functions of our committee in a fair and equitable manner. This principle covers the division of everything from equipment and office supplies to the allocation of space and personnel. I am grateful that Chairman Sessions has chosen to continue this tradition of administrative equity while he is in the majority, and especially that he plans to continue the policy of dedicating one third of the committee's overall budget to the minority.

I support Chairman Sessions' request to the House Administration Committee, and I join him in this request to continue funding the Committee on Rules' budget at current levels. I believe that any cut in funding would risk the efficient operation and administration of our

Committee. Given that our work supports the entire House, it is essential that this committee, majority and minority alike, operate robustly.

I also want to take this moment to express our appreciation to the extraordinary staff of our committee on both sides. Their hard work and cooperation is central to our success. They operate under the assumption of midnight meetings, morning hearings, and everything in between.

I am proud to present this budget with Chairman Sessions. I also want to thank you Chairwoman Miller, Ranking Member Brady, and all the committee members, for your time and attention today. I am happy to answer any questions you may have about our budget request.