

House Administration Committee Member Day 11/20 Rep. Fitzpatrick's Testimony

I am here today to thank Chair Lofgren's and Ranking Member Davis' leadership in government reform and transparency efforts. You have worked with CAO to make more information on legislation and proceedings in Congress available online through an accessible format.

I also support the Chair and Ranking Member for working with the Modernization Committee to improve congressional staff retention and diversity.

Your committee has focused on making congress more efficient through streamlining the bill-writing process, promoting continuing education programs for members of congress, and modernizing our technology. I hope you all will continue to focus on these priorities.

I encourage the committee to expand its focus to include term limits for members of congress. 80% of Americans support term limits. Rarely is there an issue that garners that much support. More change in this body is a good thing and I think we can all agree on that. I am also support "No Budget No Pay" – members of congress should not be compensated if we do not do our job. I think both common-sense proposals fit with the direction of the committee.

I want to encourage the committee's consideration of my bill H.R. 164 - The CLEAN Public Service Act which would eliminate members of congress' pensions going forward. While still allowing members to contribute to a Thrift Savings Plan. Most of our constituents do not collect a pension so why should we?

Thank you all, and I hope the committee can keep up the good work.