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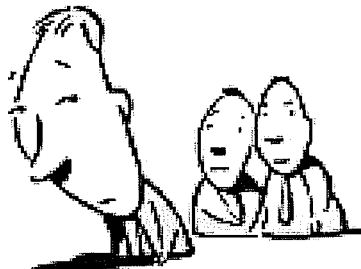
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Congress is the Odd-Man-Out

Dear Colleague:

- The war on terror has drained the surplus
- Congress cuts taxes to revive the economy
- Hurricane Katrina spending squeezes the budget
- Congress gives itself a 2.5 percent pay raise

Is there something wrong with this picture?

In January, Members are scheduled to receive an automatic annual adjustment of 1.9 percent, increasing their salary to \$166,200 from \$162,100. In response, I plan to re-introduce the Rescind the Congressional Pay Raise Act. This bill will return congressional salaries to 2004 pay levels of \$158,100.

How can we face our constituents when we allow ourselves to impose this pay increase? Americans everywhere are doing their part to help win the war on terror and rebuild the Gulf Coast from hurricane damage. Congress must do the same and refuse the 1.9 percent increase set for next year. We cannot, in good conscience, entitle ourselves to more money while others continue to willingly make sacrifices for the sake of our nation's future. Let us send a clear message that Congress will also yield whatever it takes to support these efforts.

I hope you will join me in this stand. If you would like to cosponsor this bill or have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me personally, or Anne Pizzato at 5-4136.

With warm personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

Jeff Miller
Member of Congress