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**United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515**

RE: Cost-of-Living Adjustment for Judges

Dear Representative:

We understand that a provision has been added to H.J. Res. 102, a continuing resolution to fund the government through February 15, 2007, that will delay a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for Members of Congress from going into effect until February 16, 2007.

While we defer to you on the advisability of delaying a COLA for Members of Congress, we are vehemently opposed to the fact that all federal judges will suffer the consequences of this action and be denied a cost-of-living adjustment. Judicial salary adjustments should not be caught in the web of politics.

Even if a COLA is restored on February 16, judges will not be slated to receive it unless Congress also passes an explicit authorization by waiving Section 140 of Public Law 97-92.

Judicial salaries already are so inadequate that they threaten the vitality of the judiciary and are injurious to good government. To delay or deny a cost-of living adjustment for judges in 2007 will further erode already inadequate salaries and needlessly strain interbranch relations, as occurred when the 107th Congress failed to waive Section 140 prior to adjournment.

We therefore urge you to vote to amend H.J. Res. 102 to include a waiver of Section 140 and exclude judges from the provision delaying COLAs or to take whatever other immediate action is necessary to assure that judges receive a COLA, commencing January 2007.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert D. Evans".

Robert D. Evans

Note: This letter was individually addressed to every Member of the House.