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ON PAY FREEZE FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND CONGRESSIONAL STAFF

Last week, President Clinton called for a one-year, across-the-board freeze in federal government salaries. We believe there should be parity of treatment with respect to salary in the branches of government. Therefore, this measure, which would bar the 1994 cost-of-living adjustment, should apply to the Legislative Branch as well, including Members of Congress and Congressional employees.

In accordance with an across-the-board Federal Government freeze in salary, we plan to include this freeze in Congressional and Legislative Branch salaries as part of the upcoming budget resolution and then implement the freeze into law in the appropriations and the budget reconciliation bills, thereby ensuring that all Federal workers are treated equitably.

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