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KEY VOTE ALERT: Today's Rule Vote

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Dear Colleague:

This afternoon's rule vote is not your typical procedural vote: it's a vote to re-pass H.R. 1 and send it to the Senate without any of the changes so many of you have been seeking. I have received many questions about this process and am writing so you all have the information you need to decide how to vote on this enormously consequential measure.

The bottom line is this: The Senate cannot take up H.R. 1 without the changes that would be self-executed by today's rule. The engrossment correction (H. Res. 492) is the only opportunity for House Members to make additional changes to the House bill rather than trusting that the Senate will negotiate with them separately.

As Chairwoman Foxx said in the Rules Committee last night regarding H.R. 1:

"Any Member who has any regrets about his or her vote on the first bill has the opportunity to vote no on the rule."

If you have regrets about voting for H.R. 1, including its provisions to:

- Prevent regulation of artificial intelligence systems by any State for 10 years;
- Prevent courts from holding the Executive Branch in contempt for violating lawful orders;
- Abruptly and irresponsibly terminate many clean energy tax credits;
- Massively increase the national debt by at least 3.0 trillion dollars;
- Make massive cuts to Medicaid and SNAP benefits for millions of Americans; and
- Trigger \$500 billion in cuts to Medicare (not a typo) via mandatory budget sequestration.

The rule vote this afternoon is your last chance to have a say on sending H.R. 1 to the Senate—there is NO separate vote on the changes put forward by Republican leadership.

I also want to clarify a couple of misconceptions:

1. There is nothing preventing Republican leadership from removing these and other provisions as part of their engrossment correction resolution. Voting yes on today's rule is a vote to endorse this bill as written and hands full power to the Senate to make their own decisions based on the original text and jam their product back on the House.

2. There is no reason these changes to H.R. 1 have to be self-executed in the rule for the rescissions bill. Republican leadership is simply trying to make it appear that their own Members have a tough choice between stopping these provisions and passing H.R. 4. In fact, H.R. 4 can even be taken up under its own fast-track privilege as a rescissions bill—it doesn't even need a rule to go to the floor! Or Republican leadership could simply bring up a separate rule for H.R. 4, without self-executing the engrossment correction.

If you have “sounded the alarm” about this bill and vote yes on today’s rule, you’re complicit in what you are claiming to oppose. **Today’s rule is your opportunity to vote NO and stop these provisions from moving forward.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James P. McGovern". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

James P. McGovern
Ranking Member
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