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The Honorable Rodney Davis
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The Honorable Tom Graves
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Dear Chair Lofgren, Ranking Member Davis, Vice Chair Kilmer, and Vice Chair Graves:

Thank you for your efforts to modernize the House of Representatives as embodied in H. Res. 756, *Moving Our Democracy and Congressional Operations Towards Modernization Resolution*. In addition to its excellent substantive content, we are appreciative of section 506, which requires the many excellent studies required in the resolution to be made publicly available.

This transparency provision allows us to better understand the operations of the House of Representatives and to provide greater support to efforts to modernize the House of Representatives. Governance is a public trust, and transparency is the mechanism by which we know that our trust is being kept.

We note with favor that a new fund is being created to implement the initiatives described in the resolution, subject to your direction. We are thrilled to see this long term investment in Congressional modernization — and to see your hard work pay off — and we look forward to the reforms to come.

Sincerely,

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