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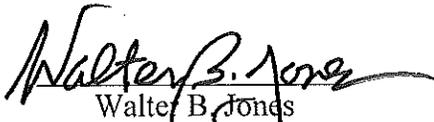
The Honorable Paul D. Ryan  
Speaker of the House  
H-232 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Ryan,

Today, we introduced H.R. 4195, legislation to repeal the authorization for funding of offices for former Speakers of the House. At a time when our national debt is quickly approaching \$19 trillion it is offensive for the public to fund such an office. Upon retirement, former speakers have access to many perks and opportunities including government pensions, book deals, lobbying, speaking engagements, and consulting. Regardless of these opportunities, it does not make sense to provide taxpayer-funded offices to former speakers for five years.

We are writing to ask that language be included in the upcoming omnibus that prohibits funding of such an office, and to ask for your public support of this bill in the coming year. The public's low approval rating of Congress is both indisputable and understandable. The inclusion of this language would be a great first step toward regaining the public's trust. We appreciate your consideration of this matter and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

  
Walter B. Jones  
Member of Congress

  
Thomas Massie  
Member of Congress