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**Help Bring Transparency to Committee Votes:  
Cosponsor Legislation to Publish Record Votes  
on Committee Websites within 48 Hours**

Dear Colleague:

Currently, constituents who want to know how a Member of Congress votes on the House floor have a number of web resources available to them – including the Library of Congress’ “Thomas” website and often times the Member’s own website.

However, constituents who want to see how that same Member voted previously in Committee on that same issue have considerably fewer efficient options available to them.

Currently, of the 21 Standing Committees, only 1 makes any of this information available.

**Please join me in introducing legislation to make *every* vote a Member takes more transparent by requiring all Committees to post record votes on their websites within 48 hours of being taken.**

Posting these record votes on official Committee websites will make it easier for constituents to see exactly what their Member supports at every point in the legislative process. And by placing these votes on already existing Committee websites, it will do so in an easy-to-find and cost-efficient manner.

Please join me in bringing sunshine and transparency to every vote a member takes – not just votes on the House floor. To cosponsor or request a copy of this legislation, please contact my Deputy Chief of Staff, Josh Saltzman at [Josh.Saltzman@mail.house.gov](mailto:Josh.Saltzman@mail.house.gov) or 202.225.2231.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pete Sessions", with a long, sweeping underline.

Pete Sessions  
Member of Congress