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The Honorable Tim Ryan  
H-306, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jaime Herrera Beutler  
2352 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Ryan, Ranking Member Herrera Beutler, and Members of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Committee:

We write to thank you for your leadership and efforts to strengthen the Legislative branch. The FY 2022 Legislative Branch Appropriations bill and accompanying report constitute a remarkable step forward in strengthening Congress’s legislative, oversight, and constituent service capacities, and making the Legislative branch more open, inclusive, accountable, modern, and responsive.

The legislation and report both contain a multitude of beneficial measures and lays the groundwork for further dramatic improvements and lasting change. We will be closely following along as the provisions are implemented and cheering you onward every step of the way. We appreciate you working with civil society and value the collaborative work to build a stronger democracy that serves all Americans.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the legislative process, for your leadership, and for working to strengthen our political system.

Sincerely yours,

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Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW)  
College To Congress  
Congressional Management Foundation  
Consumer Action  
Courage California  
Demand Progress  
Democracy Fund Voice  
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cc: Members of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Committee