



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Bryan Steil
Chairman
Committee on House Administration
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Joseph Morelle
Ranking Member
Committee on House Administration
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman Steil and Ranking Member Morelle:

I write to respectfully urge the Committee on House Administration to advance legislation prohibiting Members of Congress and their spouses from buying and selling individual stocks while serving in office. At a time when Americans' trust in their elected officials remains strained, Congress must take meaningful and immediate steps to demonstrate that we place the public's interest above our own.

Members of Congress regularly receive nonpublic briefings, interact with regulators, and help shape federal policy in ways that can influence markets. Even when no wrongdoing occurs, the mere perception that lawmakers could personally benefit from their official duties undermines confidence in our institution. A clear, enforceable ban on individual stock trading by Members is the most direct way to eliminate these conflicts and ensure that our decisions are driven solely by the interests of our constituents.

Several bipartisan proposals have been introduced to address this issue, and I believe the Committee is well positioned to reconcile these ideas into a workable, transparent framework. Such reform should include: (1) a prohibition on the purchase or sale of individual stocks by Members and their spouses; (2) the use of diversified mutual funds, index funds, or blind trusts as compliant alternatives; and (3) strong, uniform enforcement mechanisms with meaningful penalties for violations.

For years, public polling has shown overwhelming support for a congressional stock-trading ban. Advancing this reform would be an important step toward restoring trust in Congress and reaffirming our commitment to ethical, responsible governance. I urge the Committee to prioritize this issue and bring forward legislation that reflects these principles.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I stand ready to work with you and your staff to help advance a fair, enforceable, and bipartisan solution.

Sincerely,
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mariannette J. Miller-Meeks".

Mariannette Miller-Meeks, M.D.
Member of Congress