

WASHINGTON- Today, Congressman Lee Terry will support a measure that prevents Congress from getting a pay raise in 2011. Congressman Terry has worked to curb federal spending and has consistently voted against pay increases for Members of Congress.

**"Millions of people are out of work, and families continue to struggle to make ends meet," said Congressman Terry. "Now is not the time for Congress to pad its own wallet when the rest of the country is facing dire economic times. Most people don't get to decide if they get a raise, unlike Congress, which has a system to get a taxpayer-funded raise automatically each year. This is unfair and should end."**

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The Ethics Reform Act, which was passed in 1989 states that Members of Congress receive an automatic pay adjustment each year. The amount is determined by a formula based on the Employment Cost Index. Since this act was passed Congress has accepted increases 13 times and rejected through legislative actions seven times. The last time Members of Congress took a pay increase was in 2008.

