March 7, 2022

Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives
H-232, U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Speaker Pelosi:

We urge you to immediately terminate all proxy voting measures, end virtual committee hearings, and return pre-pandemic operations to the U.S. House of Representatives.

On February 27, 2022, the Office of the Attending Physician announced updated health guidance for the U.S. Capitol complex, which included making mask wear optional. Pulling floor requirements for masks and social distancing also eliminates any established reason for proxy voting. These measures were intended to be temporary. However, nearly two years later, they remain in effect for the U.S. House of Representatives. During the same time, the U.S. Senate maintained in-person voting procedures without disruption and even passed a resolution last week to end the COVID-19 national emergency. The time has come to end proxy voting and remote committee hearings.

The Founders clearly intended for members of Congress to meet, debate, and vote in person. Over 231 years, through significant historical challenges, the House of Representatives never once permitted a member to vote by proxy. In May 2020, Democrats defied this precedent despite Republican opposition. Many of us strongly opposed proxy voting, including through litigation. These measures are detrimental to our work as a Congress. Remote procedures have been injurious to our efforts to build relationships across the aisle and engage in rigorous debate with our colleagues. Congress must return to conducting the People’s business in person.

Working Americans in every part of the country are expected to show up to their job in person. Members of Congress should be held to the same standard. We urge you to end proxy voting and virtual committee attendance immediately. We look forward to your response.

Respectfully,

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Member of Congress

Chip Roy
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