February 3, 2020

The Honorable Zoe Lofgren  
Chair  
Committee on House Administration  
1309 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rodney Davis  
Ranking Member  
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Dear Chair Lofgren and Ranking Member Davis:


This resolution advances bipartisan recommendations from the Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress. In particular, Title IV (Making the House Accessible to All) and Title V (Improving Access to Documents and Publications) will strengthen transparency, increase accountability, and promote public access to government information. We commend the sponsors, comprising all the members of the Select Committee, for including provisions to improve access to Congressional websites for individuals with disabilities; ensure the adoption of standardized formats for legislative documents to bring greater efficiency to the lawmaking process; and finalize the creation of a public website to clearly show how a bill or resolution will change current law.

We look forward to the Committee’s consideration of H. Res. 756 and urge its prompt consideration by the full House of Representatives. We welcome the opportunity to engage with this Committee and the Select Committee about additional ways to strengthen public access to Congressional information, including the modernization of the Federal Depository Library Program.

Sincerely,

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