

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Harry Mitchell’s legislation to block the 2008 automatic pay raise of nearly \$4,400 for members of Congress continues to gain bipartisan support. Twenty-one members of Congress, including Republican presidential candidate Rep. Ron Paul of Texas, have now signed on to co-sponsor [H.R. 2934](#) .

“I am encouraged by the growing number of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle who agree that there are better ways we can spend taxpayer dollars,” said Mitchell.

Mitchell introduced the legislation on June 28, arguing that government funds should be used more responsibly during a time of war and record national debt.

In 1989, Congress passed a law that provides lawmakers with an automatic pay raise every January unless they vote specifically to reject the raise. If Mitchell’s legislation becomes law, members of Congress would forgo their 2008 pay raise.

Co-sponsors include Reps. Jason Altmire (Pa.), Brian Baird (Wash.), John Barrow (Ga.), Roscoe Bartlett (Md.), Nancy Boyda (Kan.), Peter DeFazio (Ore.), Gabrielle Giffords (Ariz.), Kirsten Gillibrand (N.Y.), Sam Graves (Mo.), John Hall (N.Y.), Baron Hill (Ind.), Ron Kind (Wis.), Nick Lampson (Texas), Jim Marshall (Ga.), Jeff Miller (Fla.), Patrick Murphy (Pa.), Ron Paul (Texas), Heath Shuler (N.C.), Zach Space (Ohio), Mark Udall (Colo.), and Timothy Walberg (Mich.).