

Dear Friends,

I want to take this opportunity to share with you some of the work that I have been doing recently in the U.S. Congress.

Economic Opportunity for All

The federal budget is a reflection of America's national priorities by demonstrating how we choose to raise and spend our tax dollars. For far too long, the American economy has worked disproportionately well for the richest 1% while leaving the average American family falling further and further behind. Recently, I joined with my colleagues in the Congressional Progressive Caucus to introduce the "Better Off" Budget, our vision of how the federal government should raise revenue, provide services, and invest for the future. The "Better Off" Budget would raise the minimum wage to at least \$10.10 an hour, would invest in programs that would create 8.8 million jobs, would ensure everyone pays their fair share in taxes, and would fund job training and unemployment insurance for the long-term unemployed.

Restoring fairness to the American economy means helping those in need, especially the most vulnerable among us. The "Better Off" Budget would restore full funding to food stamp programs and would ensure the 40 million Americans who rely on these benefits are not suddenly choosing between paying for housing, buying much-needed medication, and putting food on the table. This budget would help our seniors by strengthening Medicare and Medicaid and preventing any cuts in benefits and services.



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What would be your top priority in your federal budget?

- Ensuring the Richest 1%
 Pay Their Fair Share in Taxes.
- Increasing the Minimum Wage.
- Reducing Cuts to Food Stamp Programs.
- <u>Strengthening Medicare</u> and Medicaid.
- All of the Above. Our Federal Budget Must Work for All Americans.
- Have Another Idea? Click
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Congressman Jerrold Nadler (NY-10) introduces the Congressional

Progressive Caucus' "Better Off" Budget. Please click here to view the video.

NSA Overreach

It is wrong that the NSA collects data on millions of Americans who are under zero suspicion of wrongdoing. This sort of broad surveillance and bulk data collection by the executive branch is likely unconstitutional and infringes on our civil liberties. I will continue to lead the fight to protect the Constitution and stop the overreach of government surveillance. My two most recent letters to the Obama Administration can be read here and here.

My New Role

I am proud to have the opportunity to take on a new challenge in Congress and in the House Judiciary Committee, which I have served on for 21 years. I was honored to be selected as the new Ranking Democrat on the Courts, Intellectual Property, and Internet Subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee. This Subcommittee has jurisdiction over copyright, patent, and trademark laws, as well as regulation of information technology, Administration of U.S. Courts, Federal Rules of Evidence, Civil and Appellate Procedure, and judicial ethics.

The Subcommittee has begun the first comprehensive review of our nation's copyright laws since 1976. These laws are at the core of how we consume media, from watching TV and listening to music to enjoying a movie or sharing photos.

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We must continue our fight to expand opportunity and fairness for all, and to ensure our government is held accountable.

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Sincerely,

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